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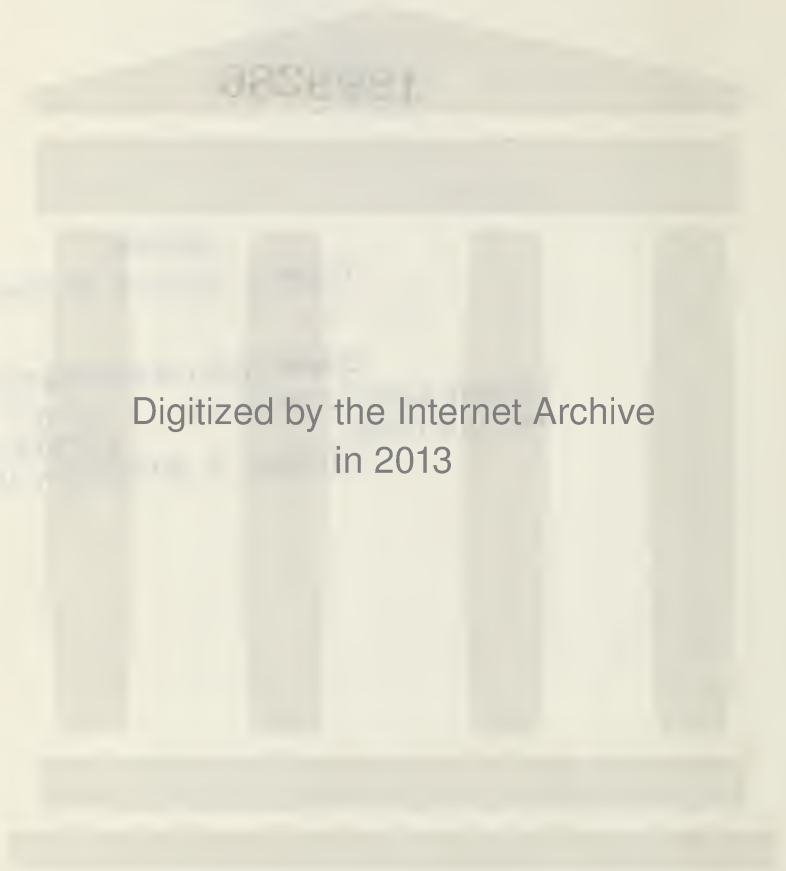

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REV. ICHABOD WISWALL'S WILL

By the Editor

Rev. Ichabod Wiswall of Duxbury married Priscilla Pabodie[3] (*Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]) of Duxbury. They had six children, but the births of only four, Mercy, Hannah, Peleg and Perez, were entered on the Duxbury records.* All of these, with the exception of Perez, were mentioned in their father's will, which also mentioned two other daughters, Priscilla and Deborah.

The five children who survived their father married as follows:

Mercy Wiswall[4]; born 4 October, 1680; died 12 November, 1716; married, 25 January, 1704/5, John Wadsworth.

Hannah Wiswall[4]; born 22 February, 1681 †; died 22 September, 1722; married Rev. John Robinson.

Peleg Wiswall[4]; born 5 February, 1683; married, in 1719 or 1720, Elizabeth Rogers of Ipswich, and died in Boston, in 1767.

Priscilla Wiswall[4], born about 1690; died in Bristol, R. I., 12 September, 1780; married in Duxbury, 23 October, 1716, Gershom[4] Bradford (*Samuel*[3], *William*[2-1]), who was born 21 December, 1691, and died in Bristol, R. I., 4 April, 1757. The two deaths are on one gravestone.

Deborah Wiswall[4]; born about 1693; died 22 April, 1776; married 21 October, 1717, Samuel Seabury.

Rev. Ichabod Wiswall died in Duxbury, 23 July, 1700, in his sixty-third year, and was buried in the old cemetery at South Duxbury. His widow, Priscilla, died 3 June, 1724, and was buried in the old cemetery at Kingston, Mass.

* Mayflower Descendant, 8 : 231 and 9 : 229.

† Hannah was born in 1682 (in new style) and Peleg in 1684.

Rev. Ichabod Wiswall made his will, at Duxbury, 25 May, 1700, and it was probated 19 August, 1700. The original will is still preserved in the files of the Registry of Probate at Plymouth; but it is somewhat worn, and in the copy here presented the missing words have been supplied from the copy of the will in the first volume of the Probate Records.

A careful copy of the will and inventory, and of the probate proceedings, made from the original documents, is here printed, at the expense of two members of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who have requested us not to publish their names. They are descended from Rev. Ichabod and Priscilla (Pabodie) Wiswall, through the daughter Priscilla Wiswall, who married Gershom[4] Bradford.

Especial attention is called to the fact that "my Eldest Daughter the wife of Elisha Wadsworth", mentioned in the will, was Ichabod's daughter Elizabeth, by his first wife. Elisha Wadsworth and Elizabeth Wiswall were married in Duxbury, 9 December, 1694.*

The original will, the original letter of administration and the original inventory are still in the probate files.

[Rev. Ichabod Wiswall's Will]

[From original will] [I Ich]abod Wiswall [of Duxborough in y^e^ County of Plimouth being weak o]f body but of [sound mind and memory praised be God for y^e^ Same] Doe make this my la[st Will & Testament] in m[ann]er & form fol[lowing] that is to say first I Comitt my body to the Earth to be decently [Buryed w]hen it shall Please God to take [me] hence & my soul into the hands [of God] my saviour in sure & Certain hope of a Joyfull Resurrection & Reunion through the precious Merritts of Jesus Christ my Lord & only Redeemer. And for the disposall of my outward Estate which God hath Graciously Given me my mind & will [is] the same shall be disposed as in this my Will is sett Down . first I have [alread]y Given to my Eldest Daughter the wife of Elisha Wadsworth her Portion of my Estate & is as much as I have to give to any other of My Daughters.

Item I give & bequeath unto my welbeloved wife Presilla all my housing & lands Lying in the Township of Duxburough for & During the Terme of her Naturall Life or otherwise soe long as she shall Continue my widdow.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Peleg one half of all my lands & meadows both salt & fresh meadows to him & his heirs for Ever . lying at Scipican

* Pilgrim Notes and Queries, 3 : 121.

Item I give & bequeath unto my four Daughters mercy Hanah Prissilla & Deborah the other half of all my lands & meadows at Scipican Alias Rochester in Equall parts to them & their severall heirs for Ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my said four Daughters all my lands at Sagetihock or Kenebeck in the Eastern parts of this Cuntry being one hundred acres be the same more or less to them & their Respective heirs for Ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Peleg all my houses & lands uplands & meadows lying in the Township of Duxbury to be possesed & Injoyed by him after the decease of his Mother or her second Marriage to him & his heirs for Ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Peleg all my Books & thirty pounds in money towards his Education at the Collegde

Item I give & bequeath all my other goods & Chattles & moneys to my well beloved wife Prissilla for the bring up of my Children & her support & Comfort during her life & at her discretion to bestow amongst my Children.

Item I nominate & appoint my welbeloved wife Prissilla to be sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament In Witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the 25^{t} day of May 1700

Signed Sealed & Declared by the above named M^{r} Icabod Wiswall to be his Last Will & Testament in the p^{r}sence of us
Alexander Standishe
John Sprague
Samuell Seabury
John Wadsworth

Ichabod wiswall (seal)

John Sprague Samuel Seabury & John Wadsworth three of y^{e} witnesses here named Appeared before William Bradford Esq^{r} Judge of probate on y^{e} 19th day of August 1700 And made oath that they were present and Saw and heard m^{r} Ichabod Wiswall the Testator above named sign Seal & declare this Instrument to be his last will and Testament And that to the best of their Judgment he was of Sound disposing mind and memory when he did the same

Attest Sam^{l} Sprague Register

On the back of the original will is written "The Last Will & Testam^{t} of M^{r} Ichabod Wiswall To be opened after his Decease" [The will was also recorded, 1 : 325.]

[From original letter] Willyam Bradford Esq^{r} Commissionated &c for y^{e} Granting of Probate of Wils and Letters of Administration within the County of Plimouth &c To all to whome these presents Shall Come or may Concern Greeting

know ye that on the nineteenth Day of August An^{o} Domini one thousand and Seven hundred Before me at Plimouth The Will of m^{r} Ichabod Wisewall late of Duxborough in the County aforesaid Deceased to these presents Annexed was proved Approved and allowed who having while he lived and at y^{e} time of his Death Goods Chattels Rights and Credits The said Deceased and his said will in any manner Concerning was Committed unto pricilla his wife Executrix in the same will named well and truly to Administer y^{e} same And to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of the said deceased And the same to Exhibit Into y^{e} Registers office of the said County according to Law Also to Render a true and Plaine account of her said Administration upon oath In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and y^{e} Seal of y^{e} said Office.

Dated at Plimouth the 19th day of August 1700 : William Bradford (seal)

Sam^{l} Sprague Regster

[The letter of administration was also recorded, 1 : 325.]

[From original inventory] An Enventory Taken of the Estate of the Late decesed m^{r} Ichobod Wisewall : This ninth day of august 1700 by us Whose names are under writen :

It To money and clothing	170	00	0
Itn To Botes	060	00	0
Itm To beds and Beding	050	00	0
Itn To plate	015.	00	0
Itm To brass Iran and puter with other housell stuf	018.	00	0
Itm To Cubbords Cheists and Trunks	006	00	0
Itm To Table Linnin	005.	00	0
Itm To Guns and pistel	003	00	0
Itm To Table wheeles and Chairs with all other household Lumber	003	05	
Itm To hors and furnitor	003.	10	
Itn To neate Chatles	010	00	
Itm To Sheepe and Swine	008	00	
	351	15	
It to his Books not apprised & Six hives of Bees Some flax wool & Remnants of Cloth.			
The Totall Some	351	15	

The house and Lands not prised : nor the part of the Sawmill att Rochester : nor Lands at or near Narhaganset & Sagadahock alias kenebeck
Edward southworth
Thomas Delano

m^r^ Priscilla Wisewall Executrix of the last will of her late Husband m^r^ Ichabod Wiswall late of duxborough deceased made oath in plimouth August 19^th^ 1700 That the above written is a true Inventory of the goods chattels & Credits of the s^d^ Deceased so far as she knows and that if more shall Come to her knowledge She will Cause it to be Added

Before W^m^ Bradford Esq^r^
Attest Sam^l^ Sprague Register

[The inventory was also recorded, 1 : 326.]

PLYMOUTH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 216*)

[p. 14] The Child . of . William Huston & Elizabeth his Wife
William Huston . Born July . 22^nd^ 1755.
The Children of Thomas Cornish, & Anne his Wife
1 Elizabeth Cornish Born March 2 . 1757.
2 Thomas Cornish, Born Sept^r^ 22 . 1758.
3. Josiah Cornish, Born Oct^r^ 15^th^ 1760.
4. Anna Cornish . Born Feb^y^ 24^th^ 1763.
5 Abigal Cornish Born Nov^r^ 24^th^ 1764
6 Samuel Cornish Born Jan^ry^ 10^th^ 1767.
The Children of . Branch Blackmer & Sarah his Wife
1 Mary . Blackmer . Born Feb^ry^ 21^st^ 1758 . Deceas^d^
2. Sarah Blackmer, Born July 2 . 1759. Deceas^d^
3 William Blackmer born Oct^r^ 27 . 1760
4 John Blackmer born Jan^ry^ 8 . 1763
5 Sarah Blackmer born Nov^r^ 28^th^ 1764
Twins { Mary Blakmer born July 10^th^ 1767
Twins { Mercy Blackmer born July 10^th^ 1767
8 Betty Blackmer born Nov^r^ 3^rd^ 1769
9 Richard Blackm^r^ born Nov^r^ 1^st^ 1772
Twins { 10 Branch Blackmer born April 10^th^ 1775
Twins { 11 Ivorey Blackmer born April 10^th^ 1775
[p. 15] The Chilldern . of William Serjant . & Mary his Wife
1 Experience Serjant . Born May 1^st^ 1750
2 Ruth . Serjant . Born Decem^b^ 27^th^ 1751

3. Mary Serjant Born July 22 . 1754
4 Elizabeth Serjant Born March 22nd 1756 Deceased March 28th 1758
5 Lydia Serjant Born Janry 1st 1758
6 Elizabeth Serjant Born June 10th 1760
7 Sarah Serjant Born April 4th 1762
8 Hannah Serjant Born July . 10th 1764

The Children of Benjamin Lucas, & Lydia his Wife
1 Bela Lucas, Born Febry 3 . 1757.
2. Isaac Lucas Born Janry 6 . 1759
3 Abigail Lucas Born March 8 . 1761.
4. Ezra Lucas Born . May 19 . 1763.
5 Lucey Lucas Born March 24th 1765
6 Lydia Lucas Born July 24th 1767
7 Naomi Lucas born June 2nd 1770

The Children of George [Henry*] Griffin & Marcia his wife
1. George Henry Griffin, born, 1833 . July 29th
2. Hannah Elizabeth, born, 1835 . June 6th.
3. Sarah Williams born, 1837 . June 13th.

[p. 16] The Chilld of Ebenezer Fuller . & Lowis His Wife
1 Ebenezer Fuller . Born Febry 4th 1758

The Children of John Gardner & Ann his wife.
1 William Gardner born in Roxbury
2. Susan Gear Gardner born 1824 August 24
3. Ann Maria Gardner born 1830 July 20
4 John Gardner born 1832 . Novr 9.
5. Andrew Gear Gardner . 1834 . Decr 2.
6 Mary Clark Gardner 1837 . May 9.

The Child of Benja Allen, & Beza his Wife
Benjamin Allen, Born, Octr 11 . 1755.

The Children of Nathan Simmons & Lydia his wife.
1. Nathan born July . 29 . 1754 . deceased august . 11 . following.
2. Nathan born august . 11 . 1755.
3. Bennet born august . 17 . 1757.

Said Nathan Simmons dyed November . 3 . 1758 . Aged . 27 . years & . 6 . months.

Children of Chandler Carver & Catharine his Wife
1. Lucy Carver born March 28 . 1837.
2. James M Carver March 5 . 1839.

[p. 17] The Children of Mr William Watson, & Elizabeth his Wife.
1 William Watson Born Augst 18 . 1757.
2 Elizabeth Watson Born Febry 17th 1759
3 Benjamin Watson Born Febry 8th 1761
4 Ellen Watson Born April 12th 1764

The Children of John Stephenson, & Elizabeth his Wife
1 John Stephenson Born Octr ye 13th 1757.
2 Elizabeth Stephenson Born in Bostson may 15th 1760

*"Henry" has a line through it, with an "x" above, referring to "x Washington" at the bottom of the page, written in a different hand.

3 Jasper hall Stephenson Born Jan^{y} 18th 1766
4th Child^{d} see above
4 Will^{m} Stephenson born Ap: 27th 1767
The Children of Joshua Holmes & Hannah Holmes his Wife
1. Elizabeth Holmes Born Augst 8 . 1756.
2 Joshua Holmes Born, March 28 . 1759.
Children of Charles Westgate & Lydia his wife.
1. Charles Howard Westgate, born 1832, May 29
2. Nancy Polden Westgate born 1835, Feb^{y} 19
3. Susan Polden Westgate born 1838 April, 28.
[p. 18] The . Chilldren of Joseph Rider y^{e} 3rd & Thankfull his wife.
1 Samuel . Rider . Born Nov^{r} 28th 1752 Deceas^{d} Dec^{r} y^{e} 19th 1752
2 Samuel . Rider . Born . June 25th 1754
3 a Daughter . not named . born July . 18th 1757 . Deceas^{d} the same day
4. Hannah Rider Born Augst 17 . 1760.
[*5 Joanna Ryder born Aug. 19th 1781**]
The Children of Thadeus Faunce & Mary Ann his wife.
1 Elizabeth Davis born 1834 . Nov^{r} 22d
2. Mary Ann born 1836 . Aug^{t} 10th.
3. Thadeus born 1839 . Ap^{l} 4th
The Children of John Cobb & Hannah his Wife
1 Hannah . Cobb Born in Kingston June 17th 1756
2 Patience . Cobb Born in Plym^{o} April 29th 1758
3. Joannah Cobb Born Dec^{r} 4 . 1759.
4. Lydia Cobb Born Nov^{r} 3 . 1761.
5. Sarah Cobb . Born . Nov^{r} 5 1762.
6 Abigail Cobb Born Nov^{r} 30th 1765
The Children of John Cobb & Pearces his 2nd wife
1 William Cobb born June 24th 1767
2 Elizabeth Cobb born Nov^{r} 14th 1769
3 Eleonar Cobb born Nov^{r} 26th 1770
4 John Cobb born April 22nd 1773
5 Ruth Cobb born Oct^{r} 13th 1775
6 Perces Cobb born Dec^{r} 31 1777 Deceas^{d} Jan^{ry} 2nd 1782
7 Josiah Cobb born Nov^{r} 3rd 1780
8 Perces Cobb . born June 16th 1783
[p. 19] The Child of Will^{m} Gammons & Fear his Wife
Rebeckah Gammons, Born March 1753.
Samuel Alexander Jr† & Charlotte his wife
1. Catharine Elizabeth born January 21 . 1830
2. Samuel Thomas " July 24 . 1833
3. John Knowls " March . 2 . 1837
The Chilld of John Dyre & Mary his Wife
John Dyre Born May 25th 1758

* This entry evidently was an error, and it was partially erased. The record will be found on original page 78, among the children of Joseph Rider, Jr., and Abigail his wife.

† "Jr" was added in a different hand.

The Child of James Timberleck & Lydia his wife
Sarah Timberleck born June 27th 1775
Children of Oliver Holmes & Pamela his Wife
1. Amelia Anne born, 1831, May 31
2. Maria Thomas born 1833, June 28
3. Fanny Winsor born 1835, Mar. 24
4. Mehetable Pain " 1839 Feby 3.
[p. 20] The Chilldren of . William Weston & Mary His Wife
1 Lewis Weston . Born . August 22nd 1754
2 William Weston Born July . 17th 1757
3 Comer Weston born
The Chilldren of Samuel Doten & Mary Doten his Wife
1 Rebeckah Doten . Born . Novr 30th 1753 Deceasd Decr 14th 1753
2 Samuel . Doten . Born July 15th 1758
Mary Doten Born, Sept 18, 1762
[p. 21] The Children of John Cornish & Lydia his Wife
2. Hannah Cornish Born, April 3 . 1758.
1 A Son Borne, June 1757 . & Dyed a few Minutes after its Birth.
3. A Daughter Born Decr 3 . 1759 . and Lived about one Week.
4. Mary Cornish Born March 1761 is March ye 1st
5. Lydia Cornish Born April 19th 1763
The Child of John Cornish & Sarah his 2nd wife
John Cornish born Janry 5th 1771 Deceasd
The Children of John Cornish & Pheba his wife
1 John Cornish born Novr 22nd 1772
2. Freeman Cornish born Augst 27th 1774 Deceasd
3. Sarah . Cornish born Novr 22nd 1776
4 Spooner Cornish born Janry 10 . 1779
The Children of Nathl Washburn, & Mary his Wife
1 Mary Washburn Born July 27 . 1758 . Deceased Decr 15th 1759.
2 Nathaniel Washburn Born August ye 1 . 1760
3 Mary Washburn . Born . Febry ye 17 1764.
The Chilldren of John Cornish & Elizabeth his wife
Freeman Cornish & Clark . Cornish } Twins borne Octo 24th 1782
Phebe Cornish born April 20th 1785
[p. 22] The Chilldern of Zacheus Bartlett & Margarett his Wife
1 Phebe Bartlett Born March 16th 1754
2 Elizabeth Bartlett Born Octr 21st 1758
Children of James Diman & Rebecca his wife
1 Rebecca Harlow, born May 17 . 1834
2 Mary Boylston " Mar: 29 . 1837
The Chilldren of William Carver & Margarett his Wife
1 Thomas Carver born Octr 4th 1755
2 William Carver born Augst 2nd 1757
3 Branch Carver borne Octr 17th 1759
The Child of Joseph Fulgham & Rebackah Fulgham his Wife
Charles Fulgham Born June 13th 1749

Children of Joseph Wright and Sally his wife
1 Sarah Robbins born January 1st . 1832
2 Joseph Wright born April 21th . 1834
[p. 23] The Chilldren of Elkanah Waterman of Mary His Wife
1 Mary Waterman Born March 23rd 1755
2 Mercy Waterman Born July 30th 1757
The Children of Patrick Morris, & Mary Morris his Wife
1. John Morris Born, October ye 24th 1758.
2. James Morris, Born, Sept ye 9th 1761.
The Children of John Jones, & Lydia Jones his Wife
1 John Jones Born, March 2 . 1759 . Deceasd Octr 22nd 1761
2 John Jones Born Janry 14th 1763
3 Benjamin Jones Born May 20th 1767
4 Ebenezr Jones born at Kingston 14th Septemr 1769 Deceasd
5 Lydia Jones born Novembr 13th 1771
6. Ebenezr Jones Born Sept 12th 1774
The Children of Thomas Diman & Polly his Wife.
1. Sophia Sampson born in 1832 . May 14th
2. Abby Philips born in 1833 . Sept 26th
4 Mary Harlow born in 1837 . Feby 24th } born in Boston
3. Polly born in 1835 . July 31st } deceased
[p. 24] The Children of George Glover, & Mary his Wife
1. Mary Glover Born July 16 . 1758
2. George Glover Born Febry 23 . 1761
3 Margaret Glover, Born, April . 10 . 1763
4 Samll Glover Born August 1st 1764
The Children of John Wiswell & his Wife
1. Priscilla Thomas born October 29, 1828.
2. John Bradford born June 1, 1837.
The Chilldren of Nathaniel Torrey & Anna His Wife
1 Elizabeth Torrey . born Febry 5th 1747/8
2 Nathaniel Torrey born Octr 8th 1750
3 Priscilla Torrey born Octr 2nd 1754
4 Annah Torrey . born July 11th 1756
5 Sarah Torrey born Aug: 7th 1758 Deceasd April 4th 1759
Daniel Torrey born dec^{d} in U. S. army*
John Torrey born*
Children of Nathaniel Barnes & Hannah his wife.
1. Betsey Goddard Barnes born 1821 . May 6
2. John Ellis Barnes born 1826 July 25
3. Nathaniel Barnes born 1829 . Feby 23.
The Child of Sally Burgess
named Horatio Spooner, born March 6 . 1825.
Child of Nathan Hall & Sally his wife
Nathan Thomas Hall, born October 11th . 1828.

(*To be continued*)

* These two entries are in a different hand.

UNRECORDED BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEEDS

ABSTRACTS BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 220*)

THE abstracts presented in this issue were made in January, 1910, from original deeds owned by Mrs. Oliver Doane, of East Orleans, Mass.

Two of these deeds were formerly recorded in the Barnstable County, Mass., Registry of Deeds, but had not been re-recorded after the fire, which destroyed the records in 1827.

The other deeds here presented had never been recorded.

[JOHN SPARROW TO JOSEPH COLE]

"I John Sparrow of Eastham . . . . yeoman" for £24 "mony to me in hand paid . . . . by Joseph Cole of Eastham . . . . yeoman" sold to him "my peace of Land in Eastham Lying on the southerly side of said Joseph Coles Land that Joins to the mill-pond & is bounded begining at the north East corner bound of Ruben Riches Land Runing North Easterly in the Range of Joseph Coles & Joshua Coles Land fifty one pole to a stone in the ground that was Capt. Jonathan Sparrows bound thence westerly in the Range of said Joseph Coles Land thirty five pole to a stone in the ground marked: J: S: being the North East corner bound of the wido Mary Sparrows Land thence southerly thurty seven pole to a Rock marked: J: S: and still on a strate Line halfe a pole to Ruben Riches Range thence Easterly in said Ruben Riches Range twenty pole wanting two feet to the first specified bound"

The deed was dated 10 July, 1767, and was witnessed by Elisha Linnell. It was acknowledged, 17 July, 1767, before John Freeman, Justice of the Peace, and was recorded, 30 September, 1767, in Barnstable County Deeds, Book 31, folio 51, by Solomon Otis, Register. It was not re-recorded, after the fire in 1827.

[ZEBULON AND ABIGAIL YOUNG TO JOSEPH COLE]

"We Zebulon Young and Abigail Young wife of Zebulon Young of Eastham . . . . Yeoman" for £30 "Lawful Money

paid to us by Joseph Cole of Eastham .... Yeoman" sold to him "A Piece of woodland lying in Harwich .... in Sipson's Purchase being the Southwesterly Part of the Eighth Lot in the first Division which Lot was laid out to John King and this southerly Part is bounded as followeth viz Beginning at the South West Corner bound of Said Lot and running easterly in the Range of said Lot fifty two Pole to an Oak Sappling marked from thence running Northwardly twenty Pole to a white Oak Tree Marked thence Northwesterly twenty Eight Pole to an Oak Tree marked and from thence running Southwesterly about twenty seven Pole to the first specified Bound containing by Esteemation five Acres be it more or less To have and to hold"

The deed was dated 4 February, 1779, signed by Zebulon and Abigail Young, Abigail signing by a mark, and acknowledged by both on that date, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace. The witnesses were Thomas Paine and Edmund Snow. The deed was recorded, 3 May, 1779, in Barnstable County Deeds, Book 35, folio 250, by Solomon Otis, Register, and has not been re-recorded, since the fire in 1827.

[Isaac Cole to John Doane, Jr.]

"I . Isaac Cole of Eastham .... yeoman" for £732 "to me in hand paid by John Doane Jur of Eastham .... yeoman" sold him "all that my parcel of Land in Eastham whare I now Dwell with all my Buldings thare on (Excepting my part of the Grist mill) bounded viz; begining at the mouth of the Laine in Daniel Coles Range Runing Northerly in said Range as the fence now Stand to a Rock under the bank marked . C . from thence westerly and southerly by the shore to the mill thence Easterly and southerly by the shore to Joseph Coles Range thence southerly in said Coles Range to Joshua Coles North west Corner bound thence Easterly in said Coles Rang as the fence now stands and a Crost the Lane to the first bound (Excepting a bout three Quarters of an acor at the stage that was Reserved by the town for fishing and Joshua Coles small peace of Land near the mill with his way to the same and a way from the head of the Lane westerly by Joshua Coles Range to Joseph Coles Land) and allso all that my peace of Land Lying against slush Bush Enclosed with the widow freemans Land that I bought of Tymothy Higgens as may appear by a deed I had of said Higgens baring Date the twentieth Day of May: 1773 to which Deed Reference being had for Boundaryes: also all that my peace of Land on Pochet Island that I bought in partener ship with my father and William Twining and Joseph Cole as by our Deed of Division

may appear to which Deed Reference being had for boundaryes. also all my peace of Ceder swamp Lying near Seth Knowlses Dwelling house on the westerly side of the swomp bounded . viz . at a stump standing near the swamp thence Runing Easterly twelve pole in Paines Range thence Northerly to a tree marked standing in Seth Knowleses Range thence south westerly by the up Land to the first Specified bound : also all my three Rights or shears Divided or undevided in the seventh shears propriatee of meadow and sedge Ground in the south part of Eastham as by the Reccords of said Propriatee may appear . also all my three Rights on the Western shore in the south propriatee in Eastham . . . . in witness whare of I the said Isaac Cole and I Anne Cole Wife of the said Isaac Cole" signed and sealed the deed, on 23 April, 1781, Anna signing by a mark.

The witnesses were Heman Doane and Elizabeth Cole, the latter signing by a mark. The deed was acknowledged, by Isaac Cole only, on 3 September, 1781, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace. It has not been re-recorded, since the fire in 1827.

[Estate of Daniel Cole to John Doane, Jr.]

"I Jonathan Linnel of Eastham . . . . Yeoman, Administrator to Daniel Cole, late of Eastham, Aforesaid, Yeoman, Deceased," for £12, 6s., money to him paid "by John Doane Jur of Eastham abovesd Cordwainer . . . . in my Capacity of Administrator, (by Virtue of a Warrant from the Inferior Court of Common Pleas) Sell . . . . unto him . . . . a piece of Clear'd Land in sd Eastham at a Place Called Stage Neck; Adjoning s'd Doanes Land, being Part of the Estate of the s'd Daniel Cole Deceas'd . . . . and is sold . . . . to Pay s'd Deceased's Debts; and is Bounded Beginning at the Widow Mercy Coles North-West Corner bound in the Range of Sd Doane's land, Running Northerly in sd range about forty Six Pole to Richard Sparrow's south West Corner Bound, thence Easterly in S'd Sparrow's Range twenty two Poles to S'd Sparrow's South East bound in Timothy Doanes range, thence Southerly forty three Pole in sd Doane's range, to a stone in the Ground, thence Westerly twenty four Pole and an half to the first Specified Bound; (Allowing a way where it is most Convenient and least Damage, by Gates or Bars, for s'd Richard Sparrow to Pass to his Land.)"

The deed was dated 15 November, 1783, and was witnessed by Richard Sparrow and Elizabeth Sparrow, but it was not acknowledged, or recorded.

On the back is written, all in one hand: "This may Sartefy all hoom it may ConSarn that this is Timothy Doans Deead thease Lins writ By me John Doane"

[Smith Estate to Hurd, Doane and Linnell]

"I Winslow Lewis of Boston .... Esq. Executor of the Last will .... of Samuel Smith the third of Wellfleet .... Deceased" for $250.00 "paid by Joseph Hurd, Timothy Doane and Uriah Linnell of Eastham .... Yeomen .... by Virtue of the Power .... Given me in said Smiths Last will .... to Sell .... so much .... Real Estate as Should be Sufficient to pay the Legacies given in said Will" sold to them "to be hereafter Divided in Equel thirds between them, a Certain Island of upland lying in Eastham .... known by the Name of Hog Island, said upland Contains fourteen acres more or less also a piece of Salt Meadow adjoining said upland Sufficient to Produce about three Tuns of Hay Yearly, what I Now Convey is all the right .... the said Samuel Smith 3^{d} owned on said Island both upland and Meadow and Died Seized off"

The deed was dated 27 October, 1795, and was witnessed by Isaiah Lewis Green and Hannah Brigham. It was acknowledged at Boston, 29 October, 1795, before Joseph Gardner, Justice of the Peace, and has not been recorded.

[Estate of Amos Knowles to Timothy Doane]

"We Hezekiah Higgins, and Mary Knowles, both of Orleans .... Executor and Executrix to the Last will .... of Amos Knowles Late of Eastham now Orleans deceased Whereas by the .... Will Athority was given to us to sell so much .... Real Estate as would pay the Just debts .... and incidental Charges" sold for $95.00 to "Timothy Doane of Orleans aforesaid yeoman .... a piece of Land Situate at Stage so called in said Orleans, and is bounded as follows bounded on the Northerly and southerly Sides by Said Timothy Doane's Lands, on the westerly side by Marther Coles Land, on the Easterly Side by and as the fence now stands that is one half of all the Land contained within the aforesaid boundaries for Quantity and Quality and is all the Land the Said Amos Knowles died Seized of in that place"

The deed was dated 25 December, 1797, and acknowledged that day by both grantors, before Simeon Kingman, Justice of the Peace. It was witnessed by Simeon Kingman and Phebe Knowles, and has not been recorded.

[Jabez Sparrow to Timothy Doane]

"I Jabez Sparrow of orleans . . . . Gentelman" for $9.50 sold to "timothy Doan of orleans . . . . Gentelman . . . . all that My half Lot of Land it being tow acres and Land that was formerly Moses Smiths Lying in orleans . . . . and is a Littel to the westward of Jedediah youngs dweling house Bounded as May appere by the Record of Said Lot in a trackt of Land Called Smiths purches and is the Seventy Sixth Lot with all the priveledges there unto Belonging . . . . in witness wherof I the Said Jabez Sparrow togather with My wife Moley Sparrow Do hereunto Set our hands and Seals"

The deed was dated 24 March, 1800, and witnessed by Godfrey Sparrow and Polly Sparrow. It was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Josiah Sparrow and Ephraim Cole to Timothy Doane]

"I Josiah Sparrow of Orleans . . . . gentleman and I Ephriem Cole of Orleans . . . . mariner" for $25.00 sold to "Timothy Doane of Orleans . . . . yeoman . . . . a peice of Land Lying in Orleans at a place Called Stage Neck begining at martha Coles Noerth East bound Runing in sd Coles range till it Comes to Timothy Doanes Land thence in sd Doanes range till it Comes to the Land that was formerly Daniel Coles thence Easterly in sd Coles range to the Land that was Joseph Knowleses thence Southerly in that range to the first Bound"

The deed was dated "this twentieth day of may Anno Domini 1800" and was acknowledged by both grantors "Barnstable ss May 17th A D 1800" before Simeon Kingman, Justice of the Peace. The witnesses were Keziah Harding and Simeon Kingman. The deed was not recorded.

[John Crosby, Jr., to Elkanah Snow]

"I John* Crosby of Harwich . . . . yarman" for $25.33 sold to "Elkanah Snow of orleans . . . . yarman . . . . one Peace of wood Land Liing to Estward of the Said Snows dwelling House and butts to the cart way also one Peace more of wood Land liing bacside of the Sand heep so colled being one Acre more or les allso one pece of Cleard land being one Acre an half allso one Peace of Cleard land that did Join the old house and one ninth of the old orchard land all which I do sell to the said Elkanah Snow . . . . and one ninth of a lot of meddo that was formaly

* "Jr" was inserted, in different ink, between "John" and "Crosby".

our honnoured fathers Edmon Higginses . . . . In Witness whereof, I the said John Crosby and my wife have hereunto set our Hand and Seal"

The deed was dated 25 March, 1802, signed by "John Crosby Jun." and "Rachel Crosby" and witnessed by Uriah Mayo, Jr. It was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Joshua and Rachel Crosby to Timothy Doane]

"I Joshua Crosby with my Wife Rachel of Orleans . . . . yeoman" for $120.00 "paid by Timothy Doane of Said Orleans Yeoman" sold him "all that my Peice of Land and medow Called Little Islland and the medow Joining know Improveed with Said Islland and also about three Quarters of an Acre on Poacha Islland Joining to Said Little Islland Containing about thrteen Acres of up Land and it is all the Said Littl Islland but about two Acres which was formerly James Higgins's . . . . with all the Privileges know Improveed with Said Islland"

The deed was dated 29 August, 1803, and witnessed by Benoni Baker and Thankful Crosby, the latter signing by a mark. The deed was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Freeman, Higgins and Mayo to Doane]

"we Isaac Freeman & hannah the wife of Said Isaac and Hesekiah Higgins all of Orleans" for $18.00 sold to "Timothy Doane of Orleans . . . . Yeoman . . . . A Piece of Land Lying in Orleans at a place Called Little Island that was formerly our Honered father's James Higgins about two Acres more or Less & is all the Land he own'd in that Place . . . . N. B. the Widow Sarah Mayo Quits all her Right to the Above Bargined Premises"

The deed was dated 16 May, 1804, and signed by Isaac Freeman, Hannah Freeman, Hezekiah Higgins, and Sarah Mayo, Sarah signing by a mark. It was witnessed by Joshua Rogers, Jr., and Zerviah Linnell. It was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Timothy Doane to Patty Higgins]

"I Timothy Doane of orleans . . . . Yeoman" for $1.00 sold to "Patty Higgins of orleans . . . . a piece of Land Lying in orleans north of the Meeting House Called a three-Square piece and was formerly the property of Freeman Higgins late of orleans = Containing one acre be it more or less"

The deed was dated 8 November, 1805, and acknowledged that day, by both grantors, before Timothy Bascom, Justice of

the Peace. The witnesses were Timothy Bascom and Rebecca Bascom. The deed was not recorded.

[Widow Anna Cole to Timothy Doane]

"I Anna Cole of Orleans .... Widow" for $18.00 mortgaged to "Timothy Doane of Orleans .... Yeoman .... one third part of a certain tract of land situated in said Orleans in Common & undivided with Rebecca Higgins and another containing in the whole about three acres bounded on the north by Capt Jonathan Snows land East by the same South by Thomas Boardman West by the road with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging a small house which said Timothy Doane bought of Robert Mayo is to be moved on said land and to be included in the deed To Have and to Hold .... Provided nevertheless, That if the said Anna Cole .... pay to the said Timothy .... the Sum of Eighteen Dollars and interest in one year from this date then this Deed, as also a certain note of hand bearing even Date .... given by the said Anna to the said Timothy .... shall be void"

The deed was dated 1 November, 1819, and witnessed by Josiah Hopkins and Isaiah Cole. It was acknowledged 12 May, 1824, before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace. It was not recorded.

THOMAS MACOMBER'S WILL AND THE ESTATES OF HIS SONS THOMAS AND ONESIMUS

By the Editor

Thomas Macomber of Marshfield, Mass., married Joanna Tinkham[4] (*Ebenezer*[3], *Mary*[2] *Brown*, *Peter*[1]), of Middleborough, on 14 June, 1709, and they had six children, recorded at Marshfield: Thomas, Ursula, Sarah, Elizabeth, Onesimus and Joanna.

Of the four daughters, Ursula died before her parents, and Joanna died unmarried, Sarah married Josiah Barker, and Elizabeth married Job Winslow[5] (*Mercy Snow*[4], *Josiah*[3], *Abigail*[2] *Warren*, *Richard*[1]).

The son Thomas Macomber[5] was born at Marshfield, 28 April, 1710, and died there, 8 January, 1748/9. He married, at Marshfield, on 9 May, 1745, Mercy Tilden[5] (*Desire Oldham*[4], *Mercy Sprout*[3], *Elizabeth*[2] *Samson*, *Henry*[1]) of Marshfield, and they had two children born there: William Macomber[6], born 1 May, 1746, and Thomas Macomber[6], born 2 August, 1748.

The son Onesimus Macomber[5] was born at Marshfield, 18 June, 1720, and died there, 20 August, 1749. He married Lucy Barker, and had two children, born at Marshfield: Thomas Macomber[6], born 31 May, 1746, and Onesimus Macomber[6], born 20 July, 1748. These two sons were living with their grandfather, when he made his will.

Joanna (Tinkham) Macomber died at Marshfield, 29 April, 1766. Thomas Macomber, her husband, died at Marshfield, 5 October, 1771. He had made his will on 19 August, 1767, and it was proved 17 October, 1771. There are no original documents, relating to his estate, now in the probate files.

His two sons, Thomas and Onesimus, died intestate, and he was appointed administrator of both estates. His two bonds are the only original papers, relating to these two estates, now remaining in the files.

An exhaustive abstract of all records and original documents, relating to these three estates, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, is here printed, at the expense of Mr. George A. Macomber, a descendant of Thomas and Mercy (Tilden) Macomber. The proper reference, to original document, or record, is given with each abstract.

[Thomas Macomber, Jr., 1749]

[11 : 181] On 26 January, 1748, administration was granted to "Thomas Macumber of Marshfield . . . . yeoman" on the estate of "your Son Thomas Macumber Late of s^{d} Marshfield Husbandman, Deceased . . . . Intestate"

[From original bond] On 26 January, 1748, "Thomas Macomber" of Marshfield, as administrator, gave a bond of £500, with "Edw^{d} Oakman" and "John Tilden y^{e} 3", both of Marshfield, yeomen, as sureties. The witnesses were John Jones and Charles Cushing.

[11 : 182] The inventory, not dated, was taken by John Jones, John Tilden, 3d, and Edward Oakman. It was sworn to, by the administrator and the three appraisers, on 26 January, 1748. The total was £1262, 11s., 11d., old tenor. No real estate was mentioned.

[11 : 234] On 4 July, 1749, Thomas Macomber, the administrator, presented an account, which was allowed. Debts due the estate, amounting to £169, 3s., had been received. Payments had been made to: "Doct^{r} Harlow" £26, 16s.; "Doct^{r} Otiss" £6; John Tilden, Jr.; Jedediah Eames; Francis Crooker; Job Winslow; "Onessimus Macumber" £30; "Provisions spent in the Family" £96, 7s. The total payments had been £321, 16s., 2d.

[Onesimus Macomber — 1749]

[11:412] On 2 November, 1749, administration was granted to "Thomas Macumber of Marshfield . . . . yeoman" on the estate of "Onessimus Macumber late of Marshfield . . . . Husbandman deceasd . . . . Intestate"

[From original bond] On 2 November, 1749, "Thomas Macomber" of Marshfield, as administrator, gave a bond of £500, with John Tilden and "John Tilden 3d", both of Marshfield, yeomen, as sureties. The witnesses were Cornelius White and "Mary ann Greffice"

[12:5] On 2 November, 1749, Nathaniel Phillips, Adam Hall and Elisha Phillips were appointed to appraise the estate. The inventory was taken at Marshfield, 3 November, 1749. The total was £600, 10s. No real estate was mentioned. It was sworn to, 7 November, 1749, by the administrator and the three appraisers.

[Thomas Macomber, Sr.]

[21:46] "Thomas Macomber of Marshfield . . . . yeoman" made his will on 19 August, 1767. Bequests were as follows.

To "my daughter Elizabeth Winslow . . . . a part of my wood-land . . . . in the township of Pembroke . . . . viz, all that part . . . . lying to the southward of the road or cart-way from a pond called Sandy-bottom-pond to Nehemiah Peirce's in Pembroke, and also two acres of salt meadow in Marshfield in my upper meadow next to Lemuel White's meadow and ditch and to the creek."

To "my daughter Sarah Barker . . . . all my woodland in the township of Pembroke aforesaid not already disposed off in this my last will" also "one feather-bed, and . . . . one quarter part of the furniture belonging to all my beds; and I give her one midling cow."

To "my daughter Joanna Macomber . . . . my wood lot of land lying in Marshfield . . . . which lot of land I bought of Isaac Winslow, and one acre of salt-meadow in my lower meadow on the northwest corner next to Deaⁿ Tilden's island, making the acre near square; and I give the said Joanna liberty to pass over my meadow to the upland, & upon my upland to the highway."

"I give unto my two grandsons who now live with me namely Thomas Macomber, & Onessimus Macomber the sons of Onessimus deced, all the upland with the buildings thereon, where I now dwell, in equal division between them, except my coopers shop, and I give to them one thirty acres lot of woodland

lying in the township of Marshfield, by David Thomas's, and all my salt-meadow called my lower-meadow, except one acre which I have given to my daughter Joanna Macomber, in equal division between them".

"I give to my grandson Onessimus Macomber my coopers-shop & tools, and all my bolts fit for cooper's-ware, and the land said shop now standeth on".

"I give unto my grandson Thomas Macomber son of Onessimus Macomber, my blacksmith's shop, which I have leased out for a term to Ebenezer Barker".

"I give to my two grandsons that now live with me namely Thomas Macomber & Onessimus Macomber my half of that yoke of oxen that they now own one half off, equally between them; and also all my husbandry tools, and all the shingles & boards, that I now own at home & abroad, and I order them to lay them on the buildings where I now dwell, upon their own charge."

"I give to my daughter Joanna Macomber as long as she liveth a single-life the improvement of one third part of my buildings where I now dwell, and my garden the use of it all, which is now fenced in . And [p. 47] And order my two grandsons before-mentioned to keep said buildings in good repair and said garden well fenced in ; and I give to the said Joanna the privilege to draw water at my well as long as she liveth single ; and in case either of my grandsons beforementioned, die without issue, my will is the surviving one shall have what I have now given to the other; and I order my abovesaid grandsons to keep one cow for my daughter Joanna Macomber both winter & summer, as long as she shall live a single life."

"I give unto my two grandsons the sons of Thomas Macomber deced, William Macomber & Thomas Macomber, and to their heirs & assigns, all my upper farm in Marshfield both upland & salt-meadow to the great-ditch, which came to me by my father Thomas Macomber now deced, except that part which I have given to my daughter Elizabeth Winslow, in this my last will already . and I give unto my two grandsons, the sons of Thomas Macomber deced, William & Thomas Macomber, all my wearing cloaths ; and I order my said grandsons to keep eight sheep summer & winter for my daughter Joanna Macomber the encrease of said sheep she is to dispose off before the winter season every year so long as she liveth a single-life . And I order my two grandsons last-mentioned William & Thomas Macomber, in case my daughter Joanna aforesaid chuseth to live upon the

farm I have given them, to let her have a convenient room in there dwelling-house, and the whole of the garden now within fence, and to have a cow kept sumer & winter instead of the eight sheep before-mentioned, and to afford her as many apples for summer & winter as she shall want for her own use, and to keep said house they now live in in good repair upon their own charge for said Joanna if she chuseth to live with them while she remains single . And I order my four grandsons before-mentioned to bring to either of the houses which said Joanna shall chuse to live at, each of them two cords of oak-wood, cut in cord-wood length, each of them is to cut one cord of said wood upon the lot I gave unto s^{d} Joanna, and the other upon their own wood-land as long as she liveth single."

"I give unto my daughter Joanna Macomber the weaving-loom the tackling thereunto belonging, my worsted combs; and all the eatables & drinkables which I leave, I give to the use of the family which I shall leave in my house I now dwell in . And I order my two grandsons Thomas & Onessimus Macomber to keep one swine for my daughter Joanna Macomber, summer & winter, and fat it well in the fall of the year upon their cost, and to find her two bushels of indian-corn, one bushel of rye, and one bushel of malt, between them yearly and every year while she may live single . And I order my two grandsons the sons of Thomas Macomber deced, William Macomber & Thomas Macomber, to find three bushels of indian-corn, & one of wheat, & one of rye for my daughter Joanna Macomber yearly & every year between them equally while she may remain single."

"I give unto my daughter Joanna Macomber & my grandson Onessimus Macomber equally between them, a yearling colt . And I enjoin it upon all my grandsons to fulfill what I have now ordered them to do towards my daughter Joanna Macomber, or forfeit double the value of what I ordered them to do for her."

"Further my will is that none of my legatees bring in any book debt against my estate after my death, upon forfeiture of what I've now given 'em."

[p. 48] "And after my just debts and funeral charges, and the setling my estate are all paid by my executrix out of my personal estate, I give unto my two daughters namely Elizabeth Winslow & Joanna Macomber, in equal division between them, all my personal estate that may be left which I have not given away before in this my last will & testament."

"I . . . . apoint my daughter Joanna Macomber sole executrix"

The witnesses were Thomas Eames, Mary Phillips and Elisha Phillips.

On 17 October, 1771, the will "was presented for probate by Joanna Macomber the executrix", and was proved on the testimony of Thomas Eames and Mary Phillips, two of the witnesses.

[p. 49] On 17 October, 1771, Isaac Phillips, Daniel White and Simeon Keen took the inventory. The total amount was £1448, 14s., 6d. The "whole of the real estate" was valued at £1309, 6s., 8d. The inventory was sworn to by the executrix and the three appraisers, on the day of its date.

PLYMOUTH COLONY VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 203*)

A list of such marriages beirthes and burialls as were brought into the [*towne**] Towne clarke of swansey to be Recorded from the 27th of february 1672 to this prsent february the 27 [*of february**] 1673

Marriages

John Padducke and Anna Jones were married on the one and twentyeth Day of December 1673

Samuell Bullucke and Mary thurber were Married on the 12th Day of November 1673

Beirthes

Anne the Daughter of Leiftenant John Browne and off Anne his wife was borne the 19th of September 1673 att 4 a Clock in the Morning

Benjamine the son of John Crabtree and of Mary his wife was borne on the 12 Day of october 1673

Elizabeth the Daughter of Thomas Easterbrook and Sarah his wife was borne on the 19th of December 1673

Elizabeth the Daughter of Daniell Allin and of Mary his wife was borne on the 28th Day of [*october**] September 1673

Hannah the Daughter of Jonathan Bosworth was Borne November the 5th 1673

[p. 52] Hannah the Daughter of Jarrett Ingraham was born[e] october† the 29th of December† [*1629*‡] 1673

John the son of Gedian Allin and of Sarah his wife was borne October the 20th 1673

Mellatia the son of John Martin and Jone his wife borne the [*third*§] 31 of August 1673

* Crossed out, in the original.

† This entry is printed exactly as written.

‡ "1629" was first written, but was crossed out and the entry completed as here printed.

§ "third" was crossed out and "31" interlined, in the same hand and ink.

Margery the Daughter of Willam Haward and of Sarah his wife was borne Sept: 10th 1673
Nathaniell the son of Nathaniell Lewis and of Mary his wife was borne July the 17th 1673
Samuell the son of Thomas Lewis and Hannah his wife was borne Aprill the 23 1673

Burialls

Mistris Dorrithy Browne the wife of Mr John Browne senir: Deceased January the 27 being the 90th yeer of her life or therabouts and was buried on the 29th of January 1673
Taken out of the booke of Records att Swansey
by mee John Myles Junr Towne Clarke

A coppy of the beirthes and burialls of Swansey from March the first 1671 To this Instant March 1672
Caleb the son of Caleb Eedey and of Elizabeth his wife were borne on the 29th of May 1672
Jonathan the son of William Haward and Sarah his wife was borne on the 8th of Aprill 1672
Joseph the son of [*John Lewis**] Joseph Lewis and of Mary his wife was borne June the sixt 1672
John the son of John Cobleich and of Mary his wife was borne the fift of January 1672
Thomas the son of Nathaniell Chaffey and of Experience his wife was borne October the 19th 1672;
Pr me John Myles Junir Towne Clarke

Scittuates Register
Thomas Oldham Marryed to Mary Witherell November the 20th 1656
Jonas Pickles was Married to Allice Hattee Dcember the 23 1657,
John Lovell of Boston Married to Elizabeth Silvester the Daughter of Richard Silvester the 24th of January [*1698*†] 1658 Pr Mr Hatherley
Daniell Hickes was Marryed to Elizabeth Hanmore Sept: 19th 1657
[p. 53] John Bryant was Marryed to Elizabeth Witherell December the 22 1651
Mary the Daughter of Thomas Oldham was borne august the 20th 1658
Jonas the son of Jonas Pickles was bone the fift of february 1658
Steven the son of Joseph Tilden was borne May the 14th 1659
Ichabod the son of Henery Ewell was borne in June 1659
Abigaill the Daughter of Thomas Clapp was borne January 29 1659
Mary the wife of John Bryant, Deceased the July the 2cond 1655
Elizabeth the Daughter of Nathaniel: Rawlins Deceased february 17 1659

* "John Lewis" was first written, but was crossed out and the record completed as here printed.

† "1698" was first written, but was crossed out and the record completed as here printed.

Ephraim Kempton Deceased 24* 1655
Joannah† the wife of Ephraim Kempton Deceased March 31 1656;
P^r^ me James Torrey Towne Clark:

A true hists of all beirthes that have bine brought in to mee Isaacke Bucke Towne Clarke of Scittuate in the yeer 1674 as for Marriages and burialls there hath not one bine brought in to mee this yeer to Record;
Marcye Tilden the Daughter of Steven Tilden was borne the first of May 1674
John Cushen the son of John Cushen was borne the 14^th^ September 1674
Samuell Chandeler the son of Benjamine Chandeler was borne the 30^th^ of November 1674
James Hatch the son of Jeremiah Hatch was borne the 4^th^ of May 1674
James Perrey the son of [*Jonathan Perrey*‡] Thomas Perrey was borne the 12^th^ of March 1673
Sarah Leichfeild the Daughter of Josiah Leichfeild was borne the 25 of December 1674
Rodulphus Hatch the son of Thomas Hatch was borne the 26^th^ of December 1674
Hannah Cudworth the Daughter of Jonathan Cudworth was borne the eight of May 1674
Trascribed out of the records of Scittuate p^r^ me Isack Bucke towne Clarke of Scittuate

[p. 54] Scittuate the 3 of March $16\frac{7}{7}\frac{6}{7}$:
A true lists of the Marriages beirthes and burialls that have bine brought in to mee Isacke Bucke in the yeer 1676
Joseph Garrett Married to Ruth Bucke the 17^th^ Day of January 1676
Ichabod Turner the son of John Turner Juni^r^ was borne the 9^th^ of Aprill 1676
Willam Blackmore Deceased the 21 of Aprill 1676
Transcribed out of the Records of Scittuate p^r^ Isacke Bucke Towne Clarke of Scittuate

(*To be continued*)

* The month was not entered.

† Incorrectly printed as "Hannah" in the eighth volume of "Records of the Colony of New Plymouth", published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in 1857. See also Mayflower Descendant, Vol. XV, p. 25.

‡ "Jonathan Perrey" was first written, but was crossed out and the entry completed as here printed.

THOMAS POPE TO JOSEPH BARTLETT

By the Editor

At the request of descendants, we here present an abstract of the deed from Thomas Pope to his son-in-law, Joseph Bartlett (*Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), which was referred to in the article on Thomas Pope's will, printed in our last volume.*

Joseph Bartlett married Hannah, the daughter of Thomas Pope, as shown by this deed and the article mentioned. He did not marry Hannah Fallowell, as frequently stated.

It should be noted that, at the time this deed was made, a daughter's husband was called "son" probably as often as he was called "son-in-law".

The deed here printed was recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book I, page 84.

[Thomas Pope to Joseph Bartlett]

[Plym. Co. Deeds, I:84] In July, 1678, the day of the month not being stated in the deed, "Thomas Pope of Dartmouth . . . . Wine Cooper", for £4, 10s., sold to "my Son in law† Joseph Bartlett of Plimouth . . . . wine Cooper" "All that my parcel or lott of land . . . . near a place Called Monament Ponds in the Township of Plimouth aforesaid which was Granted me by the said Town lying near unto the lands of Awanno the Indian of Plimouth aforesaid, the north end of my said parcel of land being bounded with a great white oak by a Little Brooke and so Running Southerly Six score Rodd And Bounded on the East side of a pond with a Red oak tree, and from thence Running Easterly threescore and six pole marked with a Bush"

The witnesses were Ephraim Morton and Andrew Ring.

Thomas Pope acknowledged the deed, before William Bradford, Assistant, on 26 September, 1678; but it was not recorded by Joseph Bartlett until 23 April, 1690, nearly twelve years later.

* Mayflower Descendant, XVIII:129.

† Also called "my son Joseph Bartlett" five times in the deed.

THE WILL OF THOMAS SOUTHWORTH OF DUXBURY AND THE ESTATE OF HIS SON JEDEDIAH

TRANSCRIBED BY MISS ETHEL BRADFORD DAVIS

[INTRODUCTORY NOTE BY THE EDITOR]

THE date and place of the birth of Thomas Southworth[4] (*Mary Pabodie*[3], *Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]) are unknown; but he was born about 1675, as the record on his gravestone, in the old cemetery at South Duxbury, Mass., states that he died 2* September, 1743, in his 68th year. [Mayflower Descendant, 10: 170.]

This Thomas Southworth married Sarah[3] Alden (*Jonathan*[2], *John*[1]), probably about 1701, as Jedediah, the first child recorded, was born 13 April, 1702. The proof that Thomas Southworth's wife was Sarah[3] Alden is found in a deed, printed in our fourteenth volume [p. 141], in which "Thomas Southworth & Sarah his Wife" sold to "our Brother John Alden" their share in "Land that was our Father Jonathan Alden's".

Sarah (Alden) Southworth was not "mentioned in Jonathan Alden's will as one of his daughters", as stated in the Southworth Genealogy, page 38, because Jonathan Alden left no will. Nor is she named in the settlement of her father's estate, as the record says that he left "three sons & three daughters", and the only child mentioned by name was "John Alden Eldest son of the said Capt: Jonathan Alden". [Mayflower Descendant, 6: 174–178.]

Sarah[3] (Alden) Southworth died 26 June, 1738, in her 59th yeàr, according to the record on her gravestone, beside her husband's, at South Duxbury. She was, therefore, born about 1679†; but the date and place of her birth are unknown. [Mayflower Descendant, 10: 170.]

Thomas and Sarah (Alden) Southworth of Duxbury had only two children: Jedediah, born 13 April, 1702; Mary, born 18 September, 1703. [Mayflower Descendant, 9: 231.] The Southworth Genealogy, on page 38, erroneously states that they had also a son Nathaniel, born 23 January, 1711, died 23 August, 1731. The Nathaniel Southworth who was born and died on

* Not "9", as given in the Southworth Genealogy, pages 36 and 37.

† Not "1681", as given in the Southworth Genealogy, page 37.

those dates was the son of Capt. Ichabod Southworth[5] (*Desire Gray*[4], *Mary Winslow*,[3] *Mary*[2] *Chilton*, *James*[1]) of Middleborough, Mass., and was born and died in that town. [Mayflower Descendant, 3 : 84 and 15 : 7.]

Deacon Jedediah Southworth[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Mary Pabodie*[3], *Elizabeth*[2] *Alden*, *John*[1]) died at Duxbury, 8 September, 1739, in his 38th year, according to his gravestone in the old cemetery at South Duxbury*; and Hannah, the "widow of Deac[n] Jedidiah Southworth" died 18 October, 1790, in her 82d year, according to her gravestone in the cemetery on Tremont Street, South Duxbury.

Mary Southworth[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Mary Pabodie*[3], *Elizabeth*[2] *Alden*, *John*[1]) married, on 3 February, 1723/4, Thomas Loring, of Duxbury. Mary (Southworth) Loring died 12 November, 1739†, and Thomas Loring died 8 December, 1739. They left five sons and one daughter, as shown by Thomas Southworth's will; and the division of Thomas Loring's real estate, on 20 May, 1746, shows that his children were Thomas, Simeon, Perez, Levi, Joshua and Deborah. [Plym. Co. Prob., 10 : 222.]

The date of Thomas Southworth's will, as recorded, was 21 August, "One thousand seven hundred and two"; but this is evidently an error of the recording officer, as the will mentions children of the son Jedediah, born 1702, died 1739, and children of the daughter Mary, born 1703, died 1739. It is certain, therefore, that the true date of the will was 1742, and the recorder accidentally omitted the "fourty" which preceded the "two" in the original will, which is not now in the files.

Miss Ethel Bradford Davis, who prepared the exhaustive abstracts, here presented, of all records, and original documents on file, in the Plymouth, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estates of Thomas Southworth, Jedediah Southworth and the latter's widow, Hannah Southworth, is a descendant of Jedediah and Hannah, through their daughter Lydia, who married Seth[5] Bradford (*Gamaliel*[4], *Samuel*[3], *William*[2-1]).

The reference to the original document, or the record, is given with each of the following abstracts.

[Jedediah Southworth's Estate]

[From original document] On 25 September, 1739, at Scituate, "Hannah Southworth of Duxboro .... widdo" was ap-

* Mayflower Descendant, 10 : 170.

† Not "about 1735", as stated in the Southworth Genealogy, page 38.

pointed administratrix of the estate of "Jedediah Southworth Late of s[d] Duxboro yeoman". On the back of the letter was indorsed, in the same hand: "Let[r] of Adminis[n] Hannah Southworth on her Husbands Estate".

[From original bond] On 25 September, 1739, Thomas Loring and Joshua Loring, yeomen, as sureties, with Hannah Southworth, widow, as administratrix, gave a bond of £500. The bond was signed by Thomas Loring, Joshua Loring, and "Hannah Souhworth". The witnesses were Benjamin Loring and Hannah Alden.

[8:125] On 25 September, 1739, at Scituate, "John Wadsworth, Gamaliell Bradford, and Samuell Weston all of Duxborough" were appointed to appraise "all the Estate Reall & Personall which Jedidiah Southworth late of s[d] Duxbourough yeoman Deaceased Dyed Seised of"

[8:134] On 22 December, 1739, John Wadsworth, Gamaliel Bradford and Samuel Weston made oath to the inventory of "all the Estate Reall and Personall which Jedediah Southworth late of Duxbouro .... Dyed Seized off". No real estate is mentioned. The amount of the inventory is not stated, but it is £183, 0s., 6d. Money was due the estate from Benjamin Prince, on a bond dated 1 October, 1734. Money was also due from Samuel Baker.

On 22 December, 1739, Hannah Southworth, administratrix, made oath to the inventory, before John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

[9:8] On 5 August, 1740, Joseph Chandler, Zachariah Chandler and Gilbert Winslow took the inventory of the "Real and Personall Estate of m[r] Jedediah Southworth late of Duxborough .... of what Estate he had in had in Northyarmouth in the County of York". The real estate was: "One Ten acre Lot number . and the Equivalent that ajoyning to it and house" £150; "One ten Acre lott number 84 . and four Acres of Land Ajoyning to s[d] Lott" £84; "one Out Right of land number" £140; "One half Right of land number 84" £70. Money was due the estate from Samuel Baker, Benjamin Prince, Amy Harris, John[*], John Goss, Samuel Seabury and James Parker. The total amount was £520, 9s.

On 28 April, 1742, Joseph Chandler, Zachariah Chandler and Gilbert Winslow made oath to the inventory before Samuel Seabury, Justice of the Peace, at North Yarmouth.

On 22 September, 1742, Hannah Southworth, administratrix, made oath to the inventory before John Cushing, Judge of Probate, at Plymouth.

* The surname was not recorded.

[14:281] On 21 July, 1757, an account was presented by "Hannah Southworth Widow Adm^rx on the Estate of her late Husband Jedidiah Southworth Late of Duxborough .... yeoman deceas'd", and sworn to before Edward Winslow, of Plymouth, Justice of the Peace. Payments had been made to James Partridge, William Brewster, John Southworth, William Coomer, "the Wid^o Wire"; "the beiger part of the Personall Estate at North Yarmouth, the same being Lost" £6; "Sundrys of the personall Estate Consumed in the in the burning of the Dwelling House in Duxbor^o" £4. The account was allowed 21 July, 1757, by John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

[Thomas Southworth's Will]

[Plym. Co. Prob., 9:4] On 21 August, "One thousand seven hundred and [*] two" "Thomas Southworth of the Town of Duxborough .... Gentleman having Thoughts of my Departure from this life" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Daughter Hannah Southworth The widdow of my late son Jedediah Southworth one hundred pounds and a part of s^d hundred pounds is one Case of Draws and a Brass kittle, and the Remainder of s^d hundred pounds in any of my moveable Estate that she doth see Cause to take after my Estate is Prizd: and I allso further give to my s^d Daughter Hannah the whole Improvement of all my Estate untill John Southworth my Grandson shall arrive to y^e age of twenty and one years or the first male heir that may attain to age (of my late sons Children) provided my s^d Daughter Hannah Remain my son widdow, but if she shall marry at her mariage the improvement of my Estate shall then be for the use of my late son Children: and when my Grandson John is of age then he shall have one half of all y^e improvement of my s^d Estate and s^d Hannah the other half During her Widdowhood."

To "my Grand daughter Deborah Loring a bed and what furniture that doth now belong unto y^e Same with all y^e weareing Cloaths that my Late wife left as they are now at the house of Joshua Lorings in Duxborough"

To "my five Grandsons Lorings the Remainder of my Household Goods that are at s^d Joshua Lorings house to be equally Divided amongst them all"

To "my Grandson John Southward m^r Willards Exposition on the Catechism and my Will further is when he Comes of age

*"fourty" was omitted here, by the recording clerk. The will was, without doubt, made in 1742. See introductory note.

that he may purchase the whole or part of my Estate as he shall think proper as it then may be prized by three sufficient men : & in Case he Die a minor, Then my Grandson James shall have the Same privilige of makeing the like purchase"

To "my Grandson James Southworth my best Bible."

"I give all the Remainder of all my Estate both Real and personal in the Town of Duxborough unto sd five Children of my late son Jedediah Southworth and it is to be divided amongst them agreable to the Law of this province made for sd Estates of Intestates"

"my said Daughter Hannah Southworth and Joshua Delano my executors"

The witnesses were John Hunt, Joseph Bartlet and Asa Hunt. The will was probated on 22 September, 1742, on the oath of the three witnesses, before John Cushing, Judge of Probate, and letter of administration was granted to "Hannah Southworth widdow and Joshua Dellano houswright both of s^{d} Duxborough Executors"

[9:25] On 22 September, 1742, "Deacon James Arnold Samuel Weston & Moses Sole all of Duxborough" were appointed to appraise "all the Estate Real & Personall that Thomas Southworth late of Duxbor^{o} . . . . dyed Seizd of"

On 14 October, 1742, Moses Soule, James Arnold and Samuel Weston took the inventory "in the old tenour." The total amount was £1230, 17s. The only real estate was "his Farme with y^{e} Out lands" £886.

On 10 January, 1742, Joshua Delano and Hannah Southworth, executors, made oath to the inventory, before John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

[Widow Hannah Southworth's Estate]

[27:339] On 7 March, 1791, James Southworth of Duxbury, yeoman, was appointed administrator of the estate of "Hannah Southworth Late of said Duxbury, widow deceased".

[From original bond] On 7 March, 1791, James Southworth, yeoman, of Duxbury, as administrator, with Lewis Bradford, yeoman, of Duxbury, and Crocker Sampson, gentleman, of Kingston, as sureties, gave a bond of £100. The witnesses were Isaac Lobdell, Jr., and Isaac Lothrop.

[From original warrant] On 7 March, 1791, "Briggs Alden & Gamaliel Bradford Esq^{rs} & Judah Delano, yeoman, all of Duxbury" were appointed to appraise the estate. The warrant was also recorded, 31:355.

[From original document] On 7 April, 1791, Briggs Alden, Judah Delano and Gamaliel Bradford took the inventory. The total was £26, 11s. On the same day, Briggs Alden and Judah Delano swore to the inventory, before Gamaliel Bradford, Justice of the Peace.

On 14 April, 1791, James Southworth, the administrator, swore to it before Joseph Cushing, Judge of Probate. The inventory was also recorded, 31 : 355.

PLYMOUTH COLONY WILLS AND INVENTORIES

ABSTRACTS BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 253*)

[NUNQUID NUMACKE'S WILL]

[p. 23] The will of "Nunquit Numacke of a place Called Pinquin hole allies Wesqueebs In the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth" was exhibited at the court at Plymouth, 1 March, 1669, on the oath of "Mr Richard Bourne of Sandwich"

"I Desire that my Children after mee may Choose the Lord for their god"

"I Desire that mr Edmond Freeman senir and Richard Bourne to watch over them and prswade them to keep and walke in the wayes of God;"

"I give unto TequatShasom my son a prsell of Land That lyeth between the Land of Thomas Dexter att Pauaukessett & the lands of hope or Pachamu to a place Called Wequanakoke If my son TequatShashom will live upon it and Improve it : but not sell it or exchange it or any way allianate it from my Children ; but if" he "be not willing to live upon it and Improve it ; Then .... my son Willam Numacke shall have the keeping of it ; but not to Dispose of it any way from my family; and if that afterward TequatShashom my son Desires to have it on the Conditions before expressed then hee shall have it (although it be longe ere hee accept of it) and to his Children after him for ever and this prsel of land is bounded with the bounds of the Land of Thomas Dexters land with Joseph Burge his Lands and with hope or Pachamu his Lands; but the old feild att Paukessett my will is

that my wife and Children should have that to Improve for themselves for ever;"

To "my son Willam Numacke a third p^te of the Land betwixt the River Cobpauanisitt or Pinquin River unto Menukesissitt and his Land to Lye Next unto the River" also "all my Meddow that Lyeth by the River syde" also "an Iland called Squnaqueest;"

To "Moses Numacke my son the next third p^te of the Land betwixt Cobpauanisitt and Menukesissitt adjoyning unto my son Willams third p^te .... I give unto him the middle third p^te of this Land: and the longe necke that goeth into the sea Called Weenaumutt with all meddow belonging to the Longe Necke;"

To "Jonas Numacke my son the Last third p^te of this Land adjoyning unto Menuksissitt with a little Necke or Iland Called Chuppatuesett or Conneys Iland;"

To "my son Willam a smale Iland Called Auntchishogquechike;"

To "my son Moses the Meddow That Metumpahan gave to mee Lying in Waweyontat necke;"

To "my Daughter Margery her son Samuell one of the two smale Ilands Called Panokoest;"

"Tequtshashom shall have but halfe of the Land from Wequonakoke to the bounds of Joseph Burge;"

"I give unto my wife my Name and the kettle that I have;"

"my will is that not any of my Children shall sell or Dispose of or change away any of the Lands that I have given unto any of them or all of them; but that it shalbe kept for them selves; and for theire Children for ever;"

The will was dated 9 February, 1669, and signed by a mark. The only witness was Richard Bourne.

[George Petcocke's Will]

"Gorge Petcocke of Scittuate .... not able to Dispose of mine owne affaires; Doe .... resigne up my body; and my whole estate; into the hands of the Towne of Scittuate; To be Disposed of by the Towne aforsaid (or theire agents) for my subsistence;" Dated 27 November, 1670, and signed by a mark. "Signed sealed and Delivered to Cornett Robert Studson and Isacke Bucke and Isacke Chettenden agents for the Towne of Scittuate Witnessed by Willam Sherman and Cornelious Briggs"

"The Court Doth heerby order that Cornett Robert Studson and Isacke Chettenden shall take the estate of Gorge Petcocke Deceased into their Costody .... that it may be forth Coming; when the Court requires it;"

[Abraham Martin's Will]

[p. 24] "Abraham Martin weaver Liveing in the Towne of Rehoboth" made his will 9 September, 1669, and it was "exhibited to the Court" at Plymouth, 6 October, 1670, "on the oath of Ensigne Henery Smith" one of the witnesses. Bequests were as follows.

"it is my Will That all my houshold stuffe and Loomes be proportionably Devided amongst the Children of my brother Richard now liveing and the Children of John Ormsbey"

"it is my Will That Mr Hubbert Pastour att Hingham; have out of my estate" £1, 10s.

"it is my Will That our owne Pastour have" £2.

"is my Will That Hannah Hill Liveing att Boggestow neare Medfeild have" £1, 10s.

"it is my Will That one pound be given to Moses Mavoricke att Marblehead; or to his heires"

"it is my Will That Samuell Paine the sonne of Stephen Paine Junir should have" £3.

"it is my Will that one pound be given towards the Incompasing of the burying place;"

"it is my Will that one pound be expended for the procurment of a bell to Call the people to gods Worship;"

"it is my Will that ten shillings* be layed out in the Makeing of a bear;"

"it is my Will That Leiftenant Peter Hunt be the sole Exequitor of this my Last Will .... Comiting the overplusse of my estate to him to be Disposed of according to his Descretion"

The witnesses were Thomas Cooper and Henry Smith.

[p. 25] The inventory was taken 13 September, 1670, by Thomas Cooper, Sr., and Henry Smith, and "exhibited to the Court" at Plymouth, 6 October, 1670, "on the oath of Leiftenant Peter Hunt" No real estate was mentioned. The total was £66, 1s., 8d.

[Henry Howland's Will]

[p. 26] Henry Howland (called "of Duxburrow" in the inventory) made his will on 28 November, 1670. Bequests were as follows.

"I give .... all my housing both Dwelling house and Barne: with all my lands both upland and meddow land .... within the Township of Duxburrow; unto my sonne Joseph Howland; onely

*"one pound" was first recorded, but it was crossed out and "ten shillings" interlined in the same hand and ink.

During my wifes life shee shall have and Injoy the new Roome to herselfe for her owne use;"

"To my sonne Joseph Howland four oxen and two heiffers and one horse with all the Tackling belonging therunto as alsoe a bed with things belonging therunto; as alsoe my fowling peece;"

"my sonne Joseph Howland out of the foremensioned houses and lands and Cattle shall pay or cause to be payed unto my sonne Zoeth Howland" £20, "that is to say" £5 per year, "till the twenty pounds be payed; as alsoe twelve pence apeece to all his brothers and sisters and theire Children now Surviveing;"

To "my Daughter Sarah two heiffers and two steers and one Mare now runing att Ponagansett; as alsoe one bed and beding therunto belonging;"

To "my sonne John one Muskett;"

To "my Daughter Elizabeth one Cow;"

"I give my old Mare now Runing att Ponagansett unto my sonne Samuell Howland;"

To "my sonne Joseph Howland; two acrees of meddow land .... att a place Comonly knowne by the name of the Gurnetts nose marsh;"

To "my Daughter Mary ten shillings"

To "my Daughter Abigaill ten shillings to be payed by my son Joseph; whoe is to sell a barrell of Syder; and to pay it out of that;"

To "my two sonnes John and Samuell each of them a barrell of Syder;"

To "my loveing wife Mary Howland all the rest of my estate both moveables and Chattles;"

The witnesses were Samuel Nash and John Sprague. The will was probated at Plymouth, 8 March, 1670*, on the oaths of the two witnesses.

[p. 27] The inventory of "Henery Howland of Duxburrow: late Deceased" was taken "the 14 Day of the 11th month† 1670", by Constant Southworth, Samuel Nash and John Soule, and exhibited at the court at Plymouth, 8 March, 1670*, "on the oath of Joseph Howland the sonne of the said Henery Howland". No real estate was mentioned. The total was £141, 4s.

(*To be continued*)

* This would be 18 March, 1671, in new style.

† The eleventh month was January, in old style. The inventory was taken on 24 January, 1671, in new style.

THE WILL OF SETH STAPLE OF TAUNTON

By the Editor

Seth Staple married Hannah[4] Standish (*Ebenezer*[3], *Alexander*[2], *Myles*[1]) on 4 January, 1721, at Plympton, Mass.*

In his will, dated 3 December, 1763, and proved 26 May, 1778, he calls himself of Taunton, and mentions his wife Hannah, one son, John Staple, and seven daughters. The daughters were: Hannah, wife of Abraham Gashet; Sarah, wife of Daniel Wild; Susanna, deceased, who had married Job White and left children; Anne, unmarried at the date of the will; Mary, wife of Philip Ellis; Zerviah, wife of Abiel Williams; Ruth, wife of Oliver Soper.

Seth Staple's widow Hannah died before 26 May, 1778, the day the will was probated, and the son John became the sole executor. The only original document, relating to the estate, now in the files of the Bristol County, Mass., Registry of Probate, at Taunton, is the will, which is also recorded. An exhaustive abstract of the will, made from the original, and of all probate records relating to the estate, are here printed, at the expense of Mr. Oliver Stetson Presbrey, of Burlington, Vt., a descendant of Oliver and Ruth (Staple) Soper.

[Seth Staple's Will]

[From original will] On 3 December, 1763, "Seth Staple of Taunton" made his will. Bequests were as follows.

To "Wife Hannah all y^e^ Improvement of my home stead Lands & Building Dureing her widowhood as also the priveldge of Cutting fenceing & fire wood needfull Dureing sd Term upon a Certain Tract of wood Land in or near pole plain in sd County and all such Improvmt to be made with out strip or wast I also Give sd wife all my Indore movables for Ever: and Stock of Cattles Sheep & Swine &c as also sd Wife with my son John Staple to make Disposition of my stock of Leather & Tanners Tools of ocupation as They shall Think fitt: I also Give said Wife the sole Improvement of all my husbandy Tools upon my

* Mayflower Descendant, 2:138 and 5:184.

farm & what Remains at her Term to be & abide & belong to sd home stead farm"

To "my son John Staple .... (after his mother Term of Improvement) I Give sd son all my mantion house & home stead farm on Both sides y^e^ Road Leanding before my sd house in sd Taunton with all y^e^ Buildings and appurtancs .... with all That my Tract of wood Land Laying in sd County in y^e^ Towns of Taunton & Berkley .... and Lays near a place Called Pole plain and what is hereby Intend to be Given & Bequeathed said son is all my Land & Buldings with all there appurtanncs in sd Towns .... with all Rights to Lands in sd Town Ship proprity or Esewhere in sd Two Towns"

To "my Seven Daughters to Wit Hannah y^e^ wife of Abraham Gashet, Sarah y^e^ wife of Daniel Wild; and to y^e^ Children and Legall Representatives of Susanah White of Norton Decased; and Anne Single woman, mary wife of Phillip Ellis; Zeruah Wife of abiel Williams Junr, and Ruth y^e^ Wife of oliver Soper and to be holden in Severlty .... all That my house and farm of Land with y^e^ Buildings & appurtances Laying in Raynham in sd County & in the Town of Bridgwater in y^e^ County of Plymouth Including all my Rael Estate in sd Two Towns: To them my sd Daughters to wit one Seventh part to Each Surviving and to y^e^ Children of sd Daugher Susanah Deceased one Seventh part to bee her Seventh part equally Divided between her Children or Legall Representive .... allways Saveing to my wife if she sel y^e^ Improvement of y^e^ above mentioned Lands two years next Coming with y^e^ appurtances"

"and all my other Estate not before Disposed of in This will I Give to sd Beloved Wife and so much of sd Estate as Comes into her hand by This Clause in my will if sd Wife Doth not Dispose of in her Live Time I Give y^e^ same to my son John Staple"

"I do Constitute .... my sd Wife & son John Staple Exec^rs^ to this my Last will"

The witnesses were James Macomber, Susanna Williams and James Williams.

On 26 May, 1778, James Macomber and James Williams, Esq., two of the witnesses, made oath to the will and on the same day John Staple accepted the appointment as executor.

The original will is endorsed: "Deacon Seth Staple's Will" [The will is also recorded, 25 : 151.]

[25 : 152] On 26 May, 1778, the will was probated, and administration granted "unto his Son John Staples (his Wife Hannah, the other named being Dead) Executor in the same Will Named"

THE WILLS OF MELATIAH BOURN OF SANDWICH AND SILVANUS AND MERCY BOURN OF BARNSTABLE, MASS.

By the Editor

The first wife of Melatiah Bourn, Esq., of Sandwich, Mass., was Desire Chipman[3], daughter of Elder John and Hope[2] (Howland) Chipman, and granddaughter of John[1] and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland of The Mayflower. Melatiah Bourn's second wife, and widow, was Abigail (———) Smith, widow of Thomas Smith of Sandwich.

All of Melatiah Bourn's children were by his first wife, Desire Chipman; but in his will he mentions several of his second wife's children by her first husband, Thomas Smith, and three of her grandchildren, as follows: son Samuel Smith; son John Smith; daughter Rebecca Smith; grandchildren Mary and Isaac Smith, children of her deceased son Shubael Smith; grandson Dr. Thomas Smith.

Children of Melatiah and Desire (Chipman) Bourn are mentioned in his will as follows: son Silvanus Bourn; son John Bourn; son Shearjashub Bourn; son Silas Bourn; daughter Bathsheba Ruggles, formerly widow of William Newcomb. (Bathsheba had married, for her second husband, Timothy Ruggles.) Grandchildren are also mentioned.

Melatiah Bourn made his will 11 August, 1742, and added a codicil, on 7 September, 1742, and a second codicil, on 24 September, 1742. The will was probated at Sandwich, on 15 February, 1742/3.

At the time of Melatiah Bourn's death, his son Silvanus Bourn held the office of Judge of Probate for Barnstable County, and it was necessary to appoint a special Judge of Probate to act in this case only, as shown in the last paragraph of the probate proceedings relating to his estate.

Silvanus Bourn[4] (*Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]) married his second cousin, Mercy Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]), and their children, therefore, have two lines of descent from John Howland, the Mayflower Passenger.

Silvanus Bourn, of Barnstable, made his will 20 May, 1763, and it was probated 15 February, 1764. It mentioned the widow Mercy; sons Melatiah, William and Richard; daughters Desire

Clap, Mary Stone, Hannah Hinckley, Mercy Jordan, Eunice Gallison; and grandchildren Kenelm, Joseph and Abigail Winslow, children of a deceased daughter, Abigail Winslow.

Widow Mercy (Gorham) Bourn, of Barnstable, made her will 10 July, 1781, and it was probated 28 May, 1782. It mentioned the son Richard, and the children of deceased sons Melatiah and William; daughters Desire Clap, Mary Stone, Hannah Hinckley and Mercy Jordan; children of deceased daughters Abigail Winslow and Eunice Gallison; granddaughter Abigail Gallison; son-in-law John Gallison; daughter-in-law Hannah Bourn.

The daughters had married as follows: Desire Bourn[5] married Nathaniel Clap; Mary Bourn[5] married Nathaniel Stone; Hannah Bourn[5] married Isaac Hinckley[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]); Mercy Bourn[5] married Samuel Jordan; Abigail Bourn[5] married Kenelm Winslow[5] (*Abigail Waterman*[4], *Sarah Snow*[3], *Abigail*[2] *Warren*, *Richard*[1]); Eunice Bourn[5] married John Gallison.

Exhaustive abstracts of all records in the Barnstable County Registry of Probate, at Barnstable, Mass., relating to the estates of Melatiah Bourn, Silvanus Bourn and Widow Mercy Bourn, are here printed, at the expense of Mrs. Bayard Thayer of Lancaster, Mass., a descendant of Nathaniel and Mary (Bourn) Stone.

[Melatiah Bourn's Will]

[6:262] "Melatiah Bourn Esq[r] of the Town of Sandwich" made his will 11 August, 1742. Bequests were as follows.

To "the Church of Christ in Sandwich whereof I am a member Ten pounds Old Ten[r] or fifty Shillings Lawfull money."

To "Abigail my well beloved wife" £75 "Lawfull money and one third part of my household Utensils (exclusive of my Goods for Sale) togeather with" £7, 10s. "more in like money as aforesaid to purchase a Mourning Suit;" also "the Use and Improvement of my real Estate in Sandwich during her Life and my Negro Woman to Serve her so long as my wife Shall Live" also "one third of my books of Divinity Saving that my Said Wife Shall release to my Sons Silvanus and John her Right of Dower to all the Lands by me given to them by deed or this Will before She Receive Said Sum of Seventy five pounds."

To "my Said Wives Son Samuell" £25 "Lawfull money upon the following Condition that he do within two Months after my decease release to my Son Silas Bourn . . . . all his Claim of any Intrest of in or to any of the Estate herein or hereby given to my Said Son Silas Said release to be made and executed by Said Samuell Smith in Legall form."

To "my Wives Son John Smith" £12, 10s. "Lawfull money upon the same Condition to be performed by him within five Months after my decease as his Brother Samuell is to perform in two months"

To "my Wifes Daughter Rebecca" £12, 10s. "Lawfull money upon y^e^ same Condition to be performed by her on her part as her Brother Samuell is to perform So as to be Effectual in the Law."

To "the Children of my Wifes Son Shoble deceased viz Mary and Isaac" £7, 10s. "Lawful money to each of them as they Shall respectively arrive to the age of twenty one Years they and each of them performing the same Condition as Samuell Smith is oblig^d^ to perform as above."

To "Doctor Thomas Smith my Wifes grandson" £12, 10s. "Lawfull money to be paid in one year after my decease"

To "my Eldest grandson Melatiah my Ivory headed Cane marked with his name."

To "my Son Silvanus my Millitary Arms Weapons and accoutraments my other walking Staves & my watch"

To "my Son Silas my Clock"

To "my Son John my Goald Shirt buttons and to his Son Joseph my Silver Shoe-buckels."

To "my Son Shearjashob" £100 "Lawfull money to be paid at the End of two years after my decease and My black wearing Apparrel."

To "my Daughter Bathsheba Ruggles" £25 "Lawful money to be paid at the End of two years after my decease And also to each of her Children that She had by her Late Husband William Newcomb Deceased" £12, 10s. "Lawfull money to be paid as they Respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years or Marriage which respective Sums when paid Shall be in discharge of So much Left by their Father to them and is in the hands of their Mother as administratrix of Said Newcombs Estate and in Case either of Said Children Should Dye before they Arrive to the Age aforsaid or Marriage then their part to be Equally divided amongst y^e^ Survivors."

To "my Son John . . . . all that my neck of Land & Meddow in Falmouth Lying between the Lands of Ezra Bourn Esq^r^ and Jenkins's Land with all my Lands adjoining either divided or Undivided as also my tract of Land where Samuell Lewis Lately dwelt and also that Land I bought of Cornelius Lewis and all my Lotts of Land Lying betwixt Theophilus Dimmock & Benjamin Bourmans with my Islands of meddow lying to the Norward of Secussit Neck but not adjoining thereto."

To "my Son Silvanus . . . . all my right to purchase Quenamot Neck a place So called of the Indians and also all my Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever except what I have Given away as above and what Lyes in Sandwich I also give him my Said Son Silvanus the Sum of" £125 "Lawfull money."

To "my Son Silas . . . . all my Real Estate lying in the Township of Sandwich he paying to my Son Silvanus" £200 "Lawfull money out of his Own Estate at the End of One year after my Decease."

"my Will is that my Negro man Nero be manumitted and Sett free from his Servitude with his Wearing Cloths Bed and bedding and Chest which he Usually Improves upon Condition that he faithfully Serve my Son Silas one year after my decease and also Procure Sufficient Security to be Given to my Executors to Save my Estate from any further Charge or Cost relaiting to him."

"in case any of my Children decease before this Will take effect then the Surviving Children of Such deceased Child if they Leave any Shall take that Which would have been their parents if they had ben then Living."

"Whatsoever shall remain of my Estate personall Including Credits over and above what is alredy Orderd and disposed of by this my Will Shall be equally divided betwixt my two Sons Silvanus and Silas or their Heirs or assigns."

"in Case my personal Estate fall Short of being Sufficient to pay or make out all the before mentioned Legacies which are Mentioned to be paid in Money that then there Shall be a proportionable abatement on the whole & Each of Said Legacies."

"my two Sons Silvanus and Silas to be Executors of this my Last Will"

The witnesses were John Rogers, John Freeman and Samuel Jennings.

On 7 September, 1742, "Melatiah Bourn Esqu[re]" added a codicil to his will, confirming said will "excepting the alterations hereafter mentioned . . . . whereas in Said Will I gave to my Loving Wife Abigail the Use . . . . of all my Real Estate in Sandwich during her Life: But now I see cause to give her . . . . but one third of the Improvement of my Said real Estate in Sandwich during her Life . and further . . . . in Case my Son Silas or his Heirs Shall be Molested by Legal process and disposssest of any part of the real Estate which I now possess in Sandwich and have given to him in Said Will then the Rest of my Children or their respective Heirs Shall bear their equal proportion with him or his heirs of So much of Said Estate as he or his Heirs Shall

be Legally dispossed off and their proportion of the Charge arrising by Such process: I do also Give to my Said Son Silas all my husbandry tools and Utensils"

The codicil was witnessed by John Rogers, John Freeman and Samuel Jennings.

On 24 September, 1742, a second codicil was added "for Explanation of a Clause or Article in Said former Codicell that is to Say whereas Whereas I have ordered in Said Codicel that in Case my Son Silas or his Heirs Shall be molested by Legal process and dispossest of any part of the real Estate which I now possess in Sandwich and have Given to him in Said will then the rest of my Children or their respective Heirs Shall bear their equal proportion with him or his Heirs of So much of Said Estate as he or his heirs Shall be Legally dispossessed off and their proportion of the Charge arrising by Such process. Now my will & meaning is that the rest of my Children or their respective Heirs Shall bear their proportion of Said proposed Loss and Charge with my Son Silas and his Heirs proportionable to the Value of the Estate that is Respectively given to Each of them in my Said Last Will"

The second codicil was also witnessed by John Rogers, John Freeman and Samuel Jennings.

"Barnstable Ss: By the Hon^{ble} John Otis Esq^{r} Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Barnstable for this Special purpose only namely to take the Probate of the Testament of Melatiah Bourn Esq^{r} Deces^{d} and to Do and perform all other things Necessary & proper to be done by a Judge for the Probate of Wills for the Settlement of the Estate of the Said deceased According to Law. The foregoing Will being presented for probate by the Executors therein named" the will and codicils were probated at Sandwich, 15 February, 1742*, on the testimony of the three witnesses.

[Silvanus Bourn's Will]

[13 : 1] "Silvanus Bourn of Barnstable . . . . Esq^{r}" made his will on 20 May, 1763. Bequests were as follows.

To "my Son Melatiah Bourn" £266, 13s., 4d.

To "my Son William Bourn" £133, 6s., 8d.

To "my Son Richard Bourn" £133, 6s., 8d.

To "my five Daughters viz^{t} Desire Clap, Mary Stone, Hannah Hinkley, Mercy Jordan, and Eunice Gallison To Each of them"

*This is Old Style. In New Style the date would be 26 February, 1743.

£66, 13s., 4d. "and if Either of them should dye before this my Will be in full force that their Surviving Children should Share Equally between them the Legacy Given their mother in this Will as their full part of my Estate."

To "Kenelm Winslow, Joseph Winslow, & Abigail Winslow the Children of my Daughter Abigail Winslow Deceased to Each of them" £22, 4s. "when they Respectively arrive at the Age of Twenty One years or Marriage."

To "my Dear and Loving Wife Mercy Bourn and to her heirs and Assigns forever all and Singular the Remainder or Rest of my Estate both real & Personall . . . . Including all that is or shall be due to me at my Decease she paying all my Just debts and Funeral Charges . . . . and all the Legacies in this Will Given to my Sons and Daughters within two years after my Decease & and the Legacies Given to my Grandchildren as they Respectively become Due"

"I Do Constitute and Appoint my Loving Wife Mercy Bourn Sole Executrix to this my Last Will"

The witnesses were David Gorham, Thomas Annable and Ebenezer Hinckley.

On 15 February, 1764, "Mercy Bourn the Executrix" presented the will for probate, and it was proved, on the testimony of the three witnesses.

[Widow Mercy Bourn's Will]

[14 : 107[1]] "Mercy Bourn of Barnstable . . . . widow" made her will 10 July, 1781. Bequests were as follows.

To "my Son Richard Bourn my Negro Boy Nero, also Two pair of oxen (if I should have so many at my decease) the Silver hilted sword that was his fathers, a large Silver Tankard that was his Grandfathers, My best great Bible, One Cow & half of my Sheep, & one Bed & furniture, also a Bed & Furniture which he now hath in his possession, I also give him all my husbandry Tools & Tackling of all Sorts." also "all my real Estate Lands & buildings, woodlands & meadows . . . . in Barnstable afores[d] or else where I also give him my Pew in the meeting House."

To "my three daughters Desire Clap Mary Stone & Hannah Hinckley equally to [p. 108[1]] to be divided among them all my wearing apparel & ornaments all my Plate (except the Tankard given to my son Richard & a Silver porringer to my daughter Mercy) & all my houshold furniture I also give to them my S[d] Three daughters each of them" £30.

To "my granddaughter Abigail Gallison her mothers work called a Chimney Piece . I also give her two mourning rings her Grandfather Bourns & her Mothers."

To "my daughter Mercy Jordan her work called the Coat of Arms, one Silver porringer &" £6 "in Lawful Silver money over & above what she hath already had & rec[d] of me."

To "the Children of my Son Meletiah Bourn dec[d] the sum of Thirty Pounds."

To "the Children of my daughter Abigail dec[d] Twenty Pounds."

To "the Children of my daughter Eunice deceased Twenty Pounds."

To "the Children of my son William Twenty Pounds."

To "my Son in law John Gallison Esq[r] Ten Pounds."

To "my daughter in law Hannah Bourn Three Pounds."

"I give my negro Boy Cato to my son Richard Bourn on the following conditions that is as soon as the Said Cato shall arrive to the age of Thirty Five years my said son shall manumit him, he procuring suffn[t] Security of indemnification as the law in that case directs."

"my negro Girl Chloe after my decease shall choose which of my surviving Children she shall choose to live with . to whom I give her the said Chloe upon condition the child with whom she chooses to live pay to my Executor so much as she shall be valued at by indifferent men appointed for that purpose."

"I do . . . . appoint my Son Richard Bourn Sole Executor . . . . & direct him to pay all my debts & Legacies in this will given, The pecuniary ones in Silver dollars at Six Shillings apiece or other money to the acceptance of the Legatees . I also order & direct him . . . . to pay the Legacy which his father gave to the Children of my daughter Abigail Winslow dec[d] & I do hereby give & bequeath to him my s[d] Son Richard" the residue of the estate.

The witnesses were David Gorham, Joseph Annable and Thomas Allyn.

[14 : 109[1]] On 28 May, 1782, "Richard Bourn the Executor" presented the will for probate, and it was proved, on the testimony of "David Gorham Esq[r] & Joseph Annable" two of the witnesses.

ABSTRACTS OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MASS., PROBATE RECORDS

By the Editor

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 138*)

[Will of Edmund Hawes]

[p. 83] On 5 May, 1692, Edmund Hawes of Yarmouth made his will. Bequests were as follows.

To "my Grand son Joseph Hawes six acres of of my Land (to be Laid forth to him at marriage or full Age which shall first happen) so as it may Liy next to Cap^{t} Thachers or John Hallets Land and Abut up on y^{e} high way and also y^{e} one halfe of my Island of sedg or crick thatch Land which Lyies in y^{e} Lone tree crick the which sd Island being divided in too Equal devitions my Son John Hawes to have his Choice first: And also I do give to y^{e} sd Joseph priviledg to driy thetch up on that meadow at Lone tree: And also I do give to y^{e} sd Joseph one acre of my meadow where his Father shall see Cause to lay it forth to him:"

To "Son John Hawes all my uplands & meadows and broken marshes or creeck thatch Land where so ever within y^{e} Towneship of yarmouth or elsewhere"

To "my Loving Daughter desire Hawes y^{e} wife of my sd Son John Hawes one Cow and Calf and my great Brass kettle and my Brass morter and pestle with all my houshold Stuff: only my Bed with all thereto belonging I do give to my grand Daughter Desire Hawes and one ewe sheep"

To "my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Dogged one Cow"

To "my Grand Daughter mary Bacon on Cow"

To "my Grand Son Jabez Hawes one Cow"

To "my Grand Son John Hawes .... one two year old and one young horse if his Brother Edmond dont Com againe: but if Edmond his Brother do come againe I do give sd young horse to him:"

To "my Grand Son Ebenezer Hawes .... one yearling:"

To "my two grand Children Isaac and Benjamin .... to each of them one Calf:"

To "my Grand Child Experience .... one sheep:"

"y^{e} Rest of my sheep my will is that my executor do devide them to my great Grand Children in such proportions as he shall think fitt:"

To "John Hathaway of yarmouth thirty Shillings wich he oweth to me"

"my well Beloved Son John Hawes to be sole executor"

The witnesses were John Thacher and Lydia Thacher.

On 31 March, 1693, a codicil was added: "my will is that y^e^ .... Six acres of Land given .... unto my Grand Son Joseph Hawes there mentioned to Ly next adjoyning to John Hallets on y^e^ west side of my Land or next to John Thacher on y^e^ east side be Determined and Setled on which Side his father pleaseth: and further my will is that in Case his Father my Son John Hawes in Leue of this sd Six acres of Land do give him y^e^ sd Joseph Six acres of Land in sum other place to y^e^ sd Josephs Liking: that then this sd Six acres in my will given to Joseph Shall be my Son Johns"

The codicil was witnessed by John Thacher and Lydia Thacher. The will was probated on 20 July, 1693, on the testimony of the two witnesses, and on 2 September, 1693, administration was "Comitted un to Ensigne John Hawes of said yarmouth Son of sd deceased"

[p. 85] On 1 August, 1693, John Thacher and John Miller took an inventory of the real and personal estate. The total was £132, 9s. The real estate was "house Lands and meadowes" £100. The estate was indebted "to his son John Hawes for diat and tendance" £29, 3s.

"Ensigne John Hawes made oath" to the inventory 2 August, 1693.

[Jane Barlow's Will]

[p. 86] On 6 August, 1693, "Jane Barlow of Sandwich" made her will. Bequests were as follows.

"my Son John Barlow Shall have my dwelling house and all my Land on which it Stands and Land adjacent .... to gether with my great Iron kittle and y^e^ money that he ows me"

To "my Son Nathan Barlow forty Shillings in money and my Fether Bed and y^e^ Iron kittle that he now hath of mine"

To "my Son Nehemiah Bessie one Cow"

To "Alce Hunter and Rebeckah Hunter y^e^ Daughters of my Daughter Rebeckah Hunter one Cow apeice"

To "my three Daughters viz Anna Hallett Elizabeth Bodfish and Rebeckah Hunter all my wearing clothes and y^e^ Rest of my Estate to be devided between them at y^e^ discrestion of my sd Executor:"

"my will is that Stephen Skeffe Esq^r^ be my Executor"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were William Bassett, Ephraim Tobe (by a mark), and Sarah Allin (by a mark).

"An Invintory of y^e^ Estate of Jane Barlow Late of Sandwich who deceased y^e^ 22* day of August 1693:" was taken "this 4^th^* day of August: 1693:" by William Bassett and Nathan Barlow. The total was £38. No real estate is mentioned.

The inventory was sworn to, on 5 October, 1693, by "m^r^ Stephen Skeffe"

The will was probated 4 October, 1693, on the testimony of William Bassett and Sarah Allin, two of the witnesses, and "they did see y^e^ now deceased Ephraim Tobe Sett his hand as a witness to this will"

[Ephraim Tobey's Estate]

[p. 87] "The Inventory of Ephraim Tobey of Sandwich" was taken 29 September, 1693, by Daniel Wing and Shubael Smith. The total was £45, 13s. No real estate was mentioned.

"Hannah Tobey vid Relict of Ephraim Tobey" made oath to the inventory 4 October, 1693, and administration was granted to her the same day.

[John Okilley's Estate]

[p. 88] "A memorandom of y^e^ Estate of John Okilley of yarmouth .... as it was Shewed unto us Joseph Rider and Jasper Taylor of yarmouth December y^e^ 8^th^ 1693" The only real estate was "his house and Land and meadow" £8.

"Bathsua Okilley vid Relict of John Okilley" made oath to the inventory 9 December, 1693.

Administration was granted, 14 December, 1693, "To George Lewes S^r^ of Barnestable afforesd and Bathsua okilley vid Relict of John okilley"

(*To be continued*)

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* These two dates are here printed exactly as recorded.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 158*)

[p. 45] November 30 . 1752 . Josiah Smith Jur of Middleborough & Priscilla Prat of Bridgwater were marred by me Benja Ruggles.

Dceember 21 . 1752 . John Peckins of Middleborough and Ruth Cushing of Taunton was marred by me Benja Ruggles

January 5 . 1753 . William Sprauge and Sarah Wescoat both of Middleborough was Marred by me Benja Ruggles

January 11 . 1753 . William Snow of Rochester and Priscilla Richmond of Middleborough was marred by me Benja Ruggles

August 20th 1753 . James Peckins and Margaret Sthowbridge both of Middleborough was marred by me Benja Ruggles

November 1 . 1753 . Abraham Shaw & Sarah Barrows both of the Town of Middleborough ware marred by me Benja Ruggles

Plimouth Ss. I hearby Certifie that Benjamin Horskins and Hannah Duglass both of middleborough : were this Day joined in marriage by me Peter Oliver Just ad Pacis Middleborough Decemr 26 . 1753.

January 16 . 1753 William Ellis of Rochester & Elisabeth Lazell of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

Janr 25 . 1753 . Nathan Landers of Wareham and Ruth Benson of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

May 16 . 1753 . John Bent and Bethiah Morss both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

June 14 . 1753 . Mr George Watson of Plimouth & Mrs Elizabeth Oliver of Middleborough were married by me Silvanus Conant

Octor 4 . 1753 . Robert Hoar and Judah Tinkham both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

Octor 18 . 1753 . Abraham Warshburn of Bridgwater and Mary Weston of Middleborough were married by me Silvanus Conant

November 1 . 1753 . Gideon Tinkham & Mercy Thomas both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

November 1 : 1753 . Thomas Wood & Sarah Thomas both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

November 1 : 1753 . David Alden of Stafford : and Lucia Thomas of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

November 8 . 1753 . Samuel Eaton : and Patience Tinkham both of Middleborough were married by me Silvanus Conant

[p. 46] November 29 . 1753 . Nathan Cob and Abijah Tinkham both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

January 10 . 1754 . Abiel Smith & Lydia Potter both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

January 17 . 1754 . Nathaniel Billington and Mary Donham both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

March 21 . 1754 . Samuel Niles and Elisabeth Reynouds* both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

April 11 . 1754 . William Bryant Jur and Hannah Cob both of Middleborough were married by me . Silvanus Conant

[*August 31st 1754 . Francis Thomas Indian man of Bridgwater & Elisabeth Cowet Indian woman of Middleborough* †]

Plimo Ss. Middleborough November 12th 1754. This Certifies that Mr Lawrence . Kets & Mrs Abigail Thayer both of Said Middleborough were this Day joined in marriage pr me . Peter Oliver Just ad Pacs

Plimo Ss. Middleborough Novr 21 . 1754. This Certifies that John Norcut & Mary Hayford both of Said Middleborough were this Day Joined in marriage pr me Peter Oliver Just ad. Pac:

Plimo Ss. This certifies that John Cole Jur of Plimton & Hasadiah Lewis of Middleborough, were Joyned in marriage on the 12th Day of february . 1755 . pr me Peter oliver Just ad Pac

Plimouth ss This certifies that Mr Isaac Barden & Mrs Experience miller Jr both of middleborough were this Day joined in marriage by me Peter Oliver Justes ad pace middleb: July 10 : 1755

Plimouth Ss middleborough November 27th 1755 This Certifies that Eleazer Leuis & mary Eddy (both of middleborough) Were this Day joined in marriage by me Peter Oliver Just ad Pace

This Certifies that John Jackson & Jemima Jackson both of middleborough being Lawfully published were joind Together in marriage in middleborough on Feby 19 : 1758 by Isaac Backus Baptist minister in Sd Town

[p. 47] Plymouth Ss middleborough march 4 : 1756 This Certifieth that Benjamin white & Hannah Shaw (both of Said middleborough) were this day joined in marriage, as were also Zebedee Sears & mary Leonard, both of Said middleborough, by me Peter Oliver Justice ad Pec:

april 3d 1755 James Larabe of Norwich and Abigail Williams of middleborough, Were marriad by Silvanus Conant

may 27 1755 Zebulon Leonard, and Hannah Miller both of middleborough were married by Silvanus Conant

June 9th 1755 Edward Richmond Junr of Taunton, and Reliance Paddock of middleborough after Lawfull publication were married by S: Conant

Septr 9th 1755 John Miller 3d and Joanna Smith both of middleborough after Lawfull Publication Were married by Silvanus Conant

Sepr 10th 1755 mr Samuel Clark, and Mrs Lucia Morton both of middleborough, after Lawfull Publication were married by Silvanus Conant

* "Samuel Niles & Elisabeth Reynolds" were published 23 February, 1754. Middleborough Records, Vol. II, Pt. I, p. 83.

† This entry has been crossed out, in the original.

Sep^{r} 11th 1755 Edmond weston Jun^{r} and mary Tinkham both of middleborough after Lawfull Publication were married by Silvanus Conant

John Eddy of middleborough, and Priscilla Richmond of Taunton after Lawfull Publication were married by Silvanus Conant

march 4th 1756 Joseph Bessey of wareham, and Mercy Dunham of middleborough after Lawfull publication were married by Silvanus Conant

march 11th 1756 Elijah Briggs of Taunton & Ruth Leonard of middleborough, after Lawfull Publication were married by Silvanus Conant

Silvanus Eaton & Deborah Caswell both of middleborough after Lawfull publication were married by Silvanus Conant

This Certifies that Theophilus Crocker and mercy Hayfords both of middleborough being Lawfully published were join^{d} together in marriage In middleborough on the 16th of Decemer 1756 By Isaac Backus Baptist minister In Said Town

Nov^{r} y^{e} 23^{d} 1758 Then Isaac washburn of plymton, & mary Benson of middleborough both in the County of plymouth were joined in marriage by me Ebenezer Hinds Baptest minister

Decem^{r} the 17th 1758 Then Jacob Booth & Hannah Jones both of middleborough In the County of plymouth were joined in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptest Minister

(*To be continued*)

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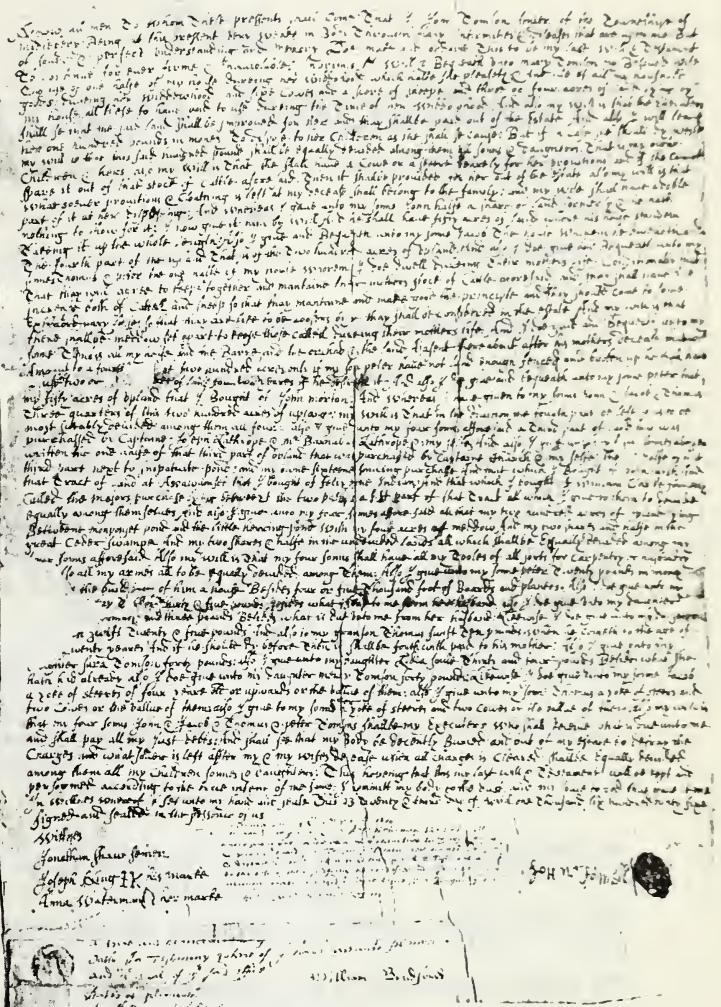

LIEUTENANT JOHN TOMSON'S WILL

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THE MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT

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CHATHAM, MASS., GRAVESTONE RECORDS

COMMUNICATED BY STANLEY W. SMITH

IN June, 1914, the writer, with the assistance of Messrs. William C. Smith and Frederick G. Hopkins, copied and carefully checked all the inscriptions on the gravestones in three private smallpox cemeteries in Chatham, Mass. They also checked the copies of inscriptions in the Old Baptist Cemetery, near the railroad station at Chatham, which were made in August, 1906, and presented to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, by Mr. Arthur E. Linnell and Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

All records prior to 1851 (with two of later date) were copied in the Baptist Cemetery.

The following abstracts include all the information contained in the inscriptions.

[ON HILL WEST OF HEAD OF RYDER'S COVE, NEAR RESIDENCE OF CHARLES J. JAGER]

Rider, John, died with the smallpox, 10 January, 1766, in his 76th year.

Rider, Zenas, died with the smallpox, in [*] January, 1766, in his 41st year. [On stone with Bethiah.]

Rider, Bethiah, "Sister to y^e^ Above Named", died "at the same time", in her 39th year. [On stone with Zenas.]

Rider, Elizabeth, wife of Zenas, died with the smallpox, in [*] January, 1766, in her 39th year.

* The day of the month was omitted.

[In field in rear of the late residence of Samuel D. Clifford, deceased, near the East Harwich line]

Doane, Mercy, wife of Joseph, Jr., died with the smallpox, 16 January, 1766, in her 23d year.

Rider, Stephen, died with the smallpox, 18 January, 1766, in his 49th year.

Smith, Bershebe, widow of Stephen, died with the smallpox, 16 January, 1766, in her 57th year.

Smith, Bershebe, daughter of Stephen, died 18 January, 1766, in her 22d year.

Smith, Betty, daughter of Mrs. Bershebe, died 7 February, 1766, in her 16th year.

Smith, Stephen, "A Deacon", died with the smallpox, 13 January, 1766, in his 60th year.

[In field, across the road and north from the six Doane, Rider and Smith stones]

Crowel, Paul, son of Deacon Paul and Rebecca, died with the smallpox, 23 November, 1765, in his 21st year. [On stone with the "2 Infant Children".]

Crowell ——— } "at the foot of this Grave lyes 2 Infant Children
Crowell ——— } Dec^{d} Decem^{r} y^{e} 12th 1766" [On stone with Paul.]

[In Old Baptist Cemetery]

Doane, Mary, widow of Samuel, died 20 June, 1830, aged 81.*

Doane, Nehemiah, died with the smallpox, 17 January, 1766, in his 36th year.

Doane, Samuel, died 21 February, 1827, aged 76.

Eldredge, Jonathan, died 15 December, 1837, aged 39.

Eldredge, Joshua N., son of Abner and Rebecca, died 22 November, 1838, aged 5 years, 5 months, 14 days.

Eldredge, Smith, died, on his passage from Mobile to Boston, 2 September, 1844, aged 24. "Husband, I cannot feel that thou art gone". [On stone with infant.]

Eldredge, ———, "infant", child of Smith, died 6 September, 1843. [On stone with its father.]

Felton, Emily H., wife of Rev. George D., died 10 August, 1843, aged 27 years.

Felton, Emily L., daughter of Rev. George D. and Emily H., died 29 March [†], aged 1 year.

* "80" was changed to "81".

† The stone was badly broken, when copied by Mr. Linnell and Mr. Ramsay in 1906, and could not be found in 1914.

Hallett, Sarah H., wife of Asa, died 29 June, 1869, aged 39 years, 4 months, 29 days. "A tender wife in mother died"

Harding, Alfred, son of Isaiah and Mehitable, died 13 September, 1843, aged 22 years.

Harding, Isaiah, born 25 February, 1796; died 3 February, 1853.

Harding, Mehitable, wife of Isaiah, died 12 August, 1836, aged 39 years, 6 months.

Snow, Reuben, died 2 May, 1843, in his 52d year. [On stone with Rufus K.]

Snow, Rufus K., died at "Mansannillo", 17 May, 1843, aged 22 years. [On stone with Reuben.]

Taylor, Azel S., son of Capt. John and Hannah, died 5 October, 1842, aged 1 year, 2 months.

Taylor, Horace Scudder, son of Capt. John and Hannah, died 20 September, 1821, aged 1 year, 8 months.

Taylor, Prince Harding, son of Capt. John and Hannah, died 23 September, 1833, aged 1 year, 1 month.

Varney, Gideon G., died 27 J[*], 1848, in Norfolk. [On his wife's stone.]

Varney, Mahala, wife of Gideon G., died 2 November, 1848, aged 28 years, 1 month, 4 days. [On stone with her husband.]

THE ESTATE OF JOHN SIMMONS OF DUXBURY AND THE WILL OF HIS WIDOW MERCY

By the Editor

John Simmons of Duxbury married Mercy Pabodie[3] (*Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]) of that town, on 16 November, 1669. John died intestate, before 9 February, 1715/16, when his widow Mercy was appointed administratrix. Mercy made her will 26 September, 1728, and died before 8 November, 1728, when her inventory was taken.

Seven sons and two daughters were mentioned in the settlement of the estate of John Simmons, and all were mentioned again in their mother's will.

In the following pages will be found exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents now on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estates of

* Broken off.

John Simmons and his widow Mercy. These abstracts are he printed at the expense of Mrs. Alfred H. Burnham, a descenda of John and Mercy (Pabodie) Simmons, through their so William.

The proper reference, to original document, or record, i given with each abstract.

[Settlement of the Estate of John Simmons]

[3: 388] On 9 February, 1715, "Marcy Simmons Relict wid dow of John Simmons Late of Duxborough .... Lately dyed I testate" was appointed administratrix of his estate.

[From original bond] On 9 February, 1715, "Mercy Simons of Duxbury, as administratrix, with "Moses Simons" of Dux bury, as surety, gave a bond for £200. Mercy Simmons signed b a mark. The witnesses were Nathaniel Watson and Elizabet Wade. The bond was not recorded.

[3: 400] "The Settlem[t] of the estate both real & personal o John Simmons late of Duxborough .... dec[d] to and amongst hi widdow & Childrean by mutuall agreement amongst themselves was made 11 February, 1715/16, as follows:

"Mercy his relict widdow shall have one third part of all th deceased his goods & Chattells & debts to her own proper use & dispose for ever, & one third part of the s[d] deceased's Lands dur ing her life in full of her part of the s[d] deceaseds Estate."

"moses the youngest son of the s[d] deceased shall have all th Lands both houses homlands meadows and all Other parcells o what kind, nature or name whatsoever to him & his heirs & As signes for ever and also his moth[rs] thirds of the affores[d] Land after her decease .... and also all the Other two thirds of Good Chattells & Debts of his s[d] Fathers Estate he paying & satisfyin all Just debts due from the s[d] Estate. And also he the Said Mose his Executors or administrators therefore paying to his six broth[r] namely John, William, Isaac, Benjamin Joseph & Joshua & hi two sisters [p. 401] Namely Martha the wife of Samuel West & Rebeckah the wife of Constant Southworth the sum of two hun dread pounds, what any of them may have had already of their fathers Estate in his life time to be recon'd a part of the s[d] two hundread pounds, & so the same to be equally divided to all the said sons and daughters the eldest son John to have a double portion thereof."

The settlement was signed by Moses Simmons, John Simmons, William Simmons, Isaac Simmons, Benjamin Simmons, Mercy Simmons (by a mark), Joseph Simmons, Joshua Simmons, Sam-

uel West, Martha West (by a mark), Constant Southworth (by a mark), Rebecca Southworth.

The witnesses were Elizabeth Thomas and Elizabeth Wade.

"On the 11th & 13th days of February" 1715/16, the settlement was acknowledged by Mercy Simmons, John Simmons, William Simmons, Isaac Simmons, Benjamin Simmons, Joseph Simmons, Joshua Simmons, Samuel West and Martha West, before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate.

It was acknowledged by Constant Southworth and Rebecca Southworth, on 5 March, 1715/16, before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate.

[Will of Widow Mercy Simmons]

[From original will] On 26 September, 1728, "the widdo mercy simons of Duxborough" made her will. Bequests were as follows.

To "my Son John Simons five Shilins in Silver mony and all my Sheep"

To "my Son william I give one Shiling in Silver money"

To "my Son Isaac I give five Shilings in Silver mony"

To "beniamen Simons I give five Shilings in Silver moner*"

To "Joseph Simons I give five Shilings in Silver money"

To "Joshua Simons I give five Shilins in Silver money"

To "my Daughter martha I give five Shilings in Silver money and my Riding gown and best pettecoat and whood and Scarf and red Silk neck cloath"

To "my Daughter Rebecah I give five Shilings in Silver money and my best Riding whood"

To "my Son moses I give my bed and beding belonging to itt and my cow and all the money not Disposed of"

"The Rest of my Estate if any there be I give to my children Equaly betwext them"

"Sons John and moses" were appointed executors.

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were "John chandler", "John fullarton" and "philip Dilano", all of whom made oath to the will on 8 November, 1728, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

On 26 November, 1728, at Marshfield, "The Will of Mercy Simmons late of Duxborough .... Widdow deceased" was probated, and administration "commited unto John Simmons and Mosess Simmons two of the sons of the sd deceased and Execu-

* Sic.

tors in the same Will named" [The will and letter were al recorded, 5: 487.]

[From original inventory] "A Trew Enventary of The Estat of The widdo mercy Simons late of Duxborough" taken b "John chandler" and "Philip Dilano" on 8 November, 1728.

one Third part of the Estate that was in partnership between her and her son Moses is According to our valueation	10	14	
her own proper Estate to a bed and beding to it	16	00	
To a gown and coat	3	00	
to Silk	2	00	
to a Riding whood	2	15	
to money at Eight Shillings y^{e} ounce	4	06	
to bills of credet	3	00	
to Dogs	0	4	
to two hives of bees	2	0	
to gloves an fans	1	0	
to head cloaths	1	8	
to Three Sheets	2	11	
to wearing lining	1	17	
to cloath	3	4	
to petecoats	3	17	
to gowns	3	15	
to aporns and neckcloaths	2	19	
to bags and botles	0	9	
to smal cloaths	0	11	
to fifteen pear of Stockens	2	12	
to thirteen pound of tobaco	0	8	
to woolen yarn	0	6	
to muster Seed	0	16	
to Smal Things	0	4	
to a warming pan	0	18	
to a pot and Tramel	0	18	
to puter	0	7	
to Seaven Sheep	3	3	
to a Cow	5	10	
to a pear of cards	0	4	

The inventory was sworn to, by the appraisers and the two executors, on 8 November, 1728, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 5: 489.]

HARWICH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XIII, p. 149*)

[p. 203] february the 15 day 1733/4 Then John Sears entred an intention of marriage between himself and grace paddack of Yarmouth with me Chillingsth Foster Town Clerk

february the 23 day 1733/4 then Thomas Foster and mary hopkins had this their intention of marriage entered here in this book

march the 2 day 1733/4 there is an intention of marriage now entered here in this book between Docter John Duncain of Harwich and mrs Keziah Baker of Eastham

June the 14 day 1734 Then Benjamin Doane of Chatham come and declared that there was an intention of marriage Conclued upon between himself and mary Freeman of Harwich which is this day entered here in this Book

July the 6 day 1734 Then gershom Hall of Harwich Come and entered an intention of marriage between himself and mary Hall of sd Harwich

July the 10 day 1734 Then philip Hows of yarmouth entered this his intention of marriage with marcy Sears of Harwich

August 24 day 1734 Then mr Barnabous Freeman of Eastham and mrs mary Stone of Harwich entered their intention of marriage each to other

August 30 day 1734 Then Ebenezer Rider jur of yarmouth and Abagal Crosby entered their intention of marriage

September 7 day 1734 Then Jeremiah Nickerson of Eastham and Deborah yeats entered an intention of marriage Each to other

Sept 28 day 1734 Then John Lincoln Come and entred an intention of marriage between himself and hanah Hopkins both being of Harwich

October 17 day 1734 Then Joseph parker of Falmouth entered an intention of marriage between himself and Rebeckah Freeman of Harwich

[p. 207] mary griffith Daughter to Lazerous and Lidea griffith his wife was Born in June the 10 day 1733

William griffith Son to Lazerous and Lidea griffith was born in June the 14 day 1735 and he dyed in november the 19 day 1735

Lazerous griffith Son to Lazerous and Lidea griffith was born in November the 5 day 1736

Rebeca Griffeth Daughter to Lazerus & Lidia Griffeth his wife born Aug^{s} 19th 1741 Died June 19th 1743

Elknah Hopkins Son to Richard Hopkins and Ruth hopkins his wife was Born in September the 22 day 1734

Lamuell hopkins Son to Richard and Ruth hopkins was born in February the 16 day 1738/9

Thankfull Foster Daughter to Chillingsworth Foster juner and marcy Foster his wife was born in June the 14 day 1733

marcy Foster Daughter to Chillingsworth Foster ju^{r} and marcy Foster was Born at Barnstable in may the 2 day 1735

Chillingsworth Foster Son to Chillingsworth Foster ju^{r} and marcy Foster was born in Barnstable in July the 17 day 1737

Mahitabel Foster Daughter to Chilling^{s} Foster Ju^{r} & Mary Foster his wife born April 18th 1746

Sarah Foster Daughter to Chill^{g} Foster Ju^{r} & Mary his wife born Nov^{r} 26th 1747

[p. 208] John griffith Son to Joseph and Hope griffith his wife was Born in february 12 day 1730/31 and he died in January the 21 day 1732/3

Thankfull griffith Daughter to Joseph and Hope griffith was Born in April the 23 day 1733

Joseph griffith Son to Joseph and hope griffith was born in Aprill the 29 day 1735

hannah griffith Daughter to Joseph and hope griffith was born in January the 11 day 1736/7

Benjamin Crosby Son to Jonathan Crosby and Hannah Crosby his wife was born in may 15 day 1734

Jonathan Crosby Son to Jonathan and hannah crosby was in december the 18 day 1735 and deceased in march 13 day 1735/6

Jonathan Crosby Son to Jonathan and hannah Crosby was born in July the 16 day 1738

[p. 209] Isaac Freeman Son to prence Freeman ju^{r} and Abigal Freeman his wife was born in December 3th 1732

Thomas Baker Son to Jeremiah baker and martha Baker his wife was born in november the 9 day 1729

Sarah Baker Daughter to Jeremiah and martha Baker was Born in August the 26 day 1732

martha Baker and mary Baker Daughters to Jeremiah and martha Baker ware born in April the 7 day 1735 being twins

mary Baker Daughter to Jeremiah and martha Baker was born in may the 4 day 1737

Jeremiah Baker Son to Jeremiah and martha Baker was born in July the 4 day 1740

[p. 211] Lidea Freeman Daughter to Thacher Freeman and Anna Freeman his wife was Born in November the 9 day 1733

Anna Freeman Daughter to Thacher and Anna Freeman was born in october 26 day 1735

Susanna Freeman Daughter to Thacher and Anna Freeman was born in June the 25 day 1737

Thacher Freeman Son to Thacher and Anna Freeman was born in June 23 day 1739

mehitable Freeman Daughter to Thacher and anna Freeman was born in June 23 day 1741

Keziah Freeman Daughter to Thacher & Anna Freeman born Augst 10th 1743

Joseph Freeman Sone to Thacher & Anne his wife born Sep^{r} 1st 1745 Died Augst 1 1747

Joseph Freeman Sone of Thachar & Anna his wife born Sep^{t} 18 1747

Rebecca Freeman Daughter of Thache Freeman & Anne his wife born July 29 1750

Thomas Freeman Sone of Thacher & Anna Freeman his wife born May 30th 1752

Thomas Freeman Son to Thomas Freeman and Dorothy Freeman his wife was Born at Cape Cod April 26 : 1731

James Freeman Son to Thomas and Dorothy Freeman was Born in Harwich June 23 : 1734

Isaac Freeman Son to Thomas and Dorothy Freeman was born in february the 12 day 1736/7

Sarah Freeman Daughter to Thomas and Dorothy Freeman was born in November 23 day 1739

Marah Freeman Daughter of Thomas & Dorathy Freeman was borne April y^{e} Ninth 1742

Obed Freeman Sone of Thomas Freeman & Dorothy Freeman was born Nov 27th ADom 1744

Timothy Freeman Sone of Thom^{s} & & Dorathy his wife born May 4th 1747

[p. 212] November 16 day 1734 Then John Rogers jur of Harwich entered this the intention of marriage betwee himself and mary winge of sd Harwich

November 23 day 1734 Then Benjamin Elles of Harwich entered an intention of marriage between himself and Anna Clark of sd Harwich

December 12 day 1734 Then Nathan Bassett of Chatham entered an intention of marriage between himself and Elezebeth Rogers of Harwich

December 27 day 1734 Then David Crosby of Harwich Come and entered an intention of marriage between himself and Reliance Hopkins of Sd Harwich

march 8 day 1734/5 Then m^r^ Elishua Cobb of plymouth and perscilla myrick of Harwich had their intention of marriage entered here in this book

march the 15 day 1734/5 then William peney of Harwich and Temperance Steward of Chatham had their intention of marriage Each to other entered here in this book

April 19 day 1735 Then m^r^ Shubal Lewes of Barnstable and mary Snow of Harwich had their intention of marriage entered here in this book

July 5 day 1735 there is an intention of marriage between Joseph Banges of Harwich and Thankfull Hamblen of Barnstable now entered here in this Book

July 5 day 1735 There is an intention of marriage between Elezer Crosby ju^r^ and Lidea godfree both of Harwich now entered in this book

July 26 day 1735 Then Benjamin Sears and marcy Snow both of Harwich had this their intention of marriage entered here in this book

July 27 day 1735 Benjamin philips ju^r^ and meriah Broadbroks do now enter an intention of marriage between themselves

August 7 day 1735 here is now entered an intention of marriage between Samuell Knowls ju^r^ of Eastham and hannah Freeman of harwich

August 9 day 1735 the is an intention of marriage Concluded upon between m^r^ Thomas pope of Sandwich and Thankfull Dillingham of Harwich

[p. 213] July the 11 day 1734 Then Thomas Foster and mary Hopkins both of Harwich ware married in Harwich by the Reverand m^r^ Nathanaell Stone

october the 10 day 1734 Then philip Howse of yarmouth and marcy Sears of Harwich ware marred in Harwich by the Reverand m^r^ Nathanaell Stone

october the 17 day 1734 Then Ebenezer Rider of yarmouth and Abigal Crosby of Harwich ware marred in Harwich by the Reverand m^r^ Nathanaell Stone

october the 17 day 1734 Then John Lincoln and hannah Hopkins both of Harwich ware married in Harwich by the Reverand m^r^ Nathanaell Stone

November the 7 day 1734 then Benjamin Doane of Chatham and mary freeman of Harwich ware married in Harwich by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

November the 15 day 1734 Then Joseph parker of falmouth and Rebakah Freeman of Harwich ware married in Harwich by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

December the 10 day 1734 Then Barnabas Freeman of Eastham and mary Stone of Harwich ware marred in Harwich by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

September the 10 day 1737 Then Ser^{t} prence Snow of harwich and Jeney Collins of Chatham had their intention of marriage enterd

Sep^{t} the 17 day 1737 then John Elles of harwich and Johanna Swift of harwich had this their intention of marriage entered here

September the 24 day 1737 Then paul higgens of Eastham and Rebakah mayo of harwich entered their intention of marriage to Each other

october the 1 day 1737 Then Joseph Cole ju^{r} of Eastham and Sarah Nickerson of harwich entered their intention of marriage Each to other

on february the 3 day 1738/9 Benjamin Freeman ju^{r} and Sarah Dillingham had their intention of marriage now entered here in this book

on August 25 day 1739 Then Docter John Whitney of harwich and m^{rs} Jerushah knowls of Eastham had this enterey of their intention in order to their being published in harwich as the law directs

[p. 216] Elishua Clark Son to Scotto Clark ju^{r} and Thankfull Clark his wife was Born in may the 14 day 1734

Ruben Clark Son to Scotto and thankfull Clark was born in August the 1 day 1735

Tulley Clark Son to Scotto Clark ju^{r} and Thankfull Clark was born in november the 30 day 1736

Mark Clark Son to Scotto Clark ju^{r} and Thankfull Clark was born in may the 3 day 1738

Will Clark Son to Scotto Clark ju^{r} and Thankfull Clark was born in January the 14 day 1740

Marcy Clark Daughter to Scoto Clark & Thankfull his Wife born y^{e} 9th Day of Aug^{t} AD 1741

Barnabas Clark Sone of Scotto & Thankfull Clark his Wife born March 9^{t} 1743

Scoto Clark Sone to Scoto Clark & Thankfull his wife born Sep[t] [*] 1745

Hannah Freeman Daughter to Edmond Freeman ju[r] and mary Freeman his wife was born in october 25 : 1732

Edmond Freeman Son to Edmond and mary Freeman was born in october the 10 day 1734

Scoto Freeman Sone to Edmond & Mary his wife born Feb[y] 20[th] 1736

Mary Freeman Daughte to Edmond & Mary Freman Wife June 12[th] 1739

(*To be continued*)

PLYMOUTH COLONY WILLS AND INVENTORIES

(*Continued from page 33*)

[Henry Wood's Inventory]

[p. 29] On 30 September, 1670, John Morton, Jonathan Dunham, Francis Combe and George Vaughan took an inventory of the estate "of Henery Wood of the Towne of Middleberry .... late Deceased" and it was presented at the Court at Plymouth, 29 October, 1670, "on the oath of Abigaill Wood widdow;" No real estate was mentioned. The total amount was £63, 3s., 3d. The only names mentioned are in the items: "Docter Downhams workes"; "a p[r]sell of Cotton woole between him and Thomas Lettice undevided".

[John Richmond's Estate—Receipts†]

On 11 April, 1664, "Edward Rew of Taunton" receipted to "Shedrach wilbore and John Richmond" executors of the will of John Richmond, dated 14 December, 1663, for "all Dues and Demands whatsoever Concerning the aforsaid will or all or any other Debt .... Due to mee .... from the said John Richmond". The receipt was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Edward Richmond and John Macomber.

On 11 April, 1664, "William Paule of Taunton" gave a similar receipt, signing it by a mark. The witnesses were John Macomber and William Langley.

* The day of the month was omitted.

† See John Richmond's will, Mayflower Descendant, 18:248.

[John Turner's Estate]

"Joseph Lumbert aged twenty nine yeares or therabouts; Testifyeth that i being being in Boston in the yeare 1667 in the ninth month of that yeare I meeting with Simon bringly: in the street wee walked into a house to Drinke; and when wee were sett Downe wee fell into sume Discourse Concerning Thomas Ewer and those men that were with him; which wee supposed to be lost; I asked him whether hee Could testify to a will: that John Turner made when hee went that voyage, hee told mee hee could take his oath That John Turner gave to Mathew Darbey all that hee had in Barnstable: if hee Did Returne noe more; except his Mare and for her hee had Disposed of her alreddy;" Sworn 3 July, 1671, "before mee Nathaniell Bacon assistant".

"John Cole aged twenty seaven yeares or therabouts testifyeth .... That Simon Bringley being att Plymouth; upon some Discourse between him and my selfe; hee told mee that John Turner of Barnstable Seaman; had given all his estate in Barnstable (excepting his Mare) to Mathew Darbey of Barnstable if the said Turner Returned noe More from Sea;" Sworn in Court, 6 July, 1671, "attested p^r^ me Nathaniel Morton Secre."

On 6 July, 1671, "The Court; upon Consideration of what Testimony was produced by Mathew Darbey as above written; and no other appeering to make better title" to "the Estate of John Turner above named" settled it upon "the said Mathew Darbey; excepting the Mare above excepted untill another and better heire Doe appeer and make better title therunto" said Darbey paying any debts.

[William Lumpkin's Will]

[The will and inventory of William Lumpkin, recorded on pages 30 and 31, were printed in full in our twelfth volume, pages 139–141.—*Editor.*]

[The Will of John Barnes]

[The will and inventory of John Barnes are recorded on pages 31–36. A literal copy of the original will, which bears the autograph signature of George[1] Soule, the Mayflower Passenger, was printed in our fourth volume.—*Editor.*]

[p. 32] An inventory of "M^r^ John Barnes lately Deceased" was taken 30 August, 1671, by Nathaniel Morton, John Morton, Gyles Rickard, Sr., and Samuel Dunham. The widow, "Mistris Jone Barnes gave this Inventory in unto the Court upon her oath" at Plymouth, 29 October, 1671. Interesting items are: "a night

uper Garment and a tuffted Holland wastcoate" 7s.; "10[s] sent into the Bay by Gorge Watson and by him Returned" 10s.; "2 bibles 1 English and another Indian" £1; "another box three square in which a silver seale a silver Ringe a Case with tooth pickers a paire of spectacles with a p[r]sell of Ribband in a box in which it is a Case with knives and a Minkes skin" 11s.; "7 ephagges or pictures" 7s.; "in English mony" £7; "a broken Ringe with a Cheine of which a Cuppe since made", no value stated. The inventory, which mentions no real estate, covers more than four pages of the records.

[Edward Hall's Will]

[p. 36] "Edward Hall of Rehoboth" made his will 23 November, 1671. Bequests were as follows.

To "my son John forty acrees of upon my share of land on the North Purchase; which is to be his full Share of land;"

"I give my house orchyard Garden Barne homlott and all my other lands and meddowes in the Towne of Rehoboth or on the North purchase or elsewhere as alsoe my houshold Goods Cattle or Chattles whatsoever.... unto my beloved wife Ester; whom I ordaine.... sole exequitrix; That is to pay all my Debts; To Improve for to bring up my Children; and to Dispose of it unto them according to her wisdome; but if my wife should Marry then shee shall have the third of my land; and the other two thirds shalbe Devided as abovesaid;"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were John Miller, Sr., and John Peck. John Miller, Sr., made oath to the will, on 4 July, 1671, before Henry Smith.

The inventory was taken, 6 March, 1670, by Peter Hunt and Henry Smith, and was exhibited to the Court, at Plymouth, 29 October, 1671, "on the oath of Ester Hall widdow;" The amount was £84. The only real estate mentioned was: "hous and lands with meddow" £40.

[Esther Woodfield's Will]

[p. 37] "Ester Woodfeild of Scittuate" made her will 27 May, 1672. Bequests were as follows.

To "Nicholas Baker seni[r]: of Scittuate" £6 "of silver mony .... that I have now in the house" also "my pyed Cow;"

To "Isacke Bucke of Scittuate Juni[r]: the bedstead bed and all the beding of it that have the Green Rugg upon it standing in the Chamber wher I now lye; and Chist that stands by my bedsyde" also "my mare and Colt;"

To "Experience Leichfeild of Scittuate all my Iron tooles;"

To "Hannah my maid servant" £4 "of silver mony .... that is now in the house"

"I give that ten pounds that is mine yett in Willam James his hand; I say I give of it to Judith peakes wife to Willam Peakes senir: of Scittuate ten shillings; and to Dependance Leichfeild ten shillings; and to Israell Peakes ten shillings; and to Willam Peakes Junir: ten shillings; and to Byah Peirse ten shillings and to Peirsis Peirse ten shillings; and to Phillip Micaell Peirse his servant ten shillinges; and to the wife of Francis James of Hingham named Elizabeth five pounds; and to Robert Whetcombe senir: of Scittuate twenty shillinges; and to my servant Hannah Ewell ten shillinges;"

To "my servant Hannah Ewell my browne Cow and my bible and my best hatt;"

"I give my Pied heiffer to Francis Bucke the wife of Isacke Bucke of Scittuate; and my Cloak and my hood;"

To "Elizabeth Wade wife to Nicholas Wade of Scittuate my Red cow; and my broadcloth petticoate and my Wastcoate that shee made;"

To "Samuell Jakson of Scittuate my little blacke Cow;"

To "the wife of Thomas Hiland senir of Scittuate my serge Petticoate; and my Green apron and my green mantle that I use to weare on my shoulders;"

To "my servant Hannah Ewell; all the rest of my wearing Clothes woolen and linnin; except those upon my bed that I were every Day; which I give those that shall lay mee forth equally to be Devided;"

To "Hannah Ewell aforsaid all the Rest of my beding and houshold goods whatsoever else of mine within Dores and without; not heer before Disposed of by mee;"

"I Doe heerby make .... Henery Ewell of Scittuate .... sole Exequitor .... and appoint Nicholas Baker and Richard Curtice both of Scittuate .... overseers of this .... will:"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Michael Peirse and Elizabeth Wade, the latter signing by a mark.

The will was exhibited at the Court at Plymouth 5 June, 1672, on the oaths of the two witnesses.

[p. 38] The inventory, taken by Rodulphus Elmes and Stephen Vinall, was presented at Court at Plymouth, 5 June, 1672, on the oath of Henry Ewell. No real estate is mentioned.

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PLYMOUTH COLONY RECORDS OF DEEDS

By the Editor

(*Continued from Vol. XVIII, p. 177*)

Abstracts of the Records in Volume III

A literal copy of the entire Second Book of the Plymouth Colony Records of Deeds, transcribed by the Editor from the original records, was completed in the last volume of this magazine. As there are nearly fourteen hundred (1400) manuscript pages in the remaining four books of these records, we shall, in future, print abstracts of the deeds recorded, instead of complete copies. Each abstract will include every name of a person or place mentioned in the deed, and the names of the witnesses. The complete description of the land conveyed will not be printed, unless the transaction has some special interest. When a complete description is printed the fact will be noted.

[William Bradford to his Son John*]

[3:1] "Ann°: 1649.... I have given unto my son John Bradford; and alreddy possesed him therof; all that land I bought of Constant Soutworth for which I have payed" £12 "and since have built an house theron which cost mee upward of" £34, "these lands are bounded on the one side with the lands of Abraham Peirse and on another pte with the Lands of Stephen Tracye; and soe runeth up into the woods the length of other lotts; all which house and lands with the meddow grounds therunto belonging and all other the appurtenances I have given and by these p^rsents Doe give.... to the said my son John Bradford.... moreover I have given him all those lands which lye in the nooke of Jones River; that is to say one lott of land esteemed twenty acrees; bee it more or lesse; lying by the side of the said river; and for the most pte Cerculated by the said river; and bounded on the other side with the lands of Thomas Cushman; alsoe I give unto him all the meddowes that lye therunto adjoyning that is to say four acrees had by exchange with John Winslow called pudle marsh by reason of the salt pudleholes that are therin; and three acrees I bought of m^r hickes which was somtimes Nicholas Snowes and three acrees more bought of M^r Done which was somtimes m^r Willetts; all which meddowes or marsh ground lye

* Complete description printed.

alonge the said river side and abutt upon the said upland; alsoe I give unto hi[m] a p[r]cell of land which I had in exchange of John Faunce with another moyety Joyning therunto; which was Steven Deanes; in all estemed to bee thirty acrees [be] it more or lesse; These are bounded with the lands of Stephen Tracye northside; and with m[r] Howlands on the southside; alsoe I give unto him anothe[r] pcell of land in the same nooke which I bought of John Barker knowne comonly [by] the name of Barkers feild: adjoyning unto the lands aforsaid on the one sid[e] and to the lands of Thomas Cushman on the other side; and buting eastward [on] the bay and westward on the lands of m[r] Howland esteemed to be ten acr[es] bee it more or lesse onely; I reserve unto my selfe two smale feilds or little clo[ses] att the west end of the lands aforsaid During my life (or such time as I sh[all] thinke meet) for my owne use; and for all the aforsaid lands and p[r]mis[es] I Doe heerby give graunt and confeirme and ratify them to him my said son John Bradford"

The witnesses were Thomas Southworth and Nathaniel Morton.

"Likewise Leiftenant Southworth witnesseth that m[r] Willam Bradford seni[r]: Did in the time of his sicknes give unto his son: M[r] John Bradford a pcell of meddow lying att the end of John Faunces land; and lying between M[r] Howlands meddow which was somtimes the meddow of Josepth Rogers; and Stephen Tracyes; and likewise a Certaine pcell of meddow in the woods above the path lea[ding] from Plymouth to waymouth; which said two pcells of meddow was since Confeirmed u[nto] the said John Bradford; by mistris Allis Bradford seni[r]:"

"this was [wi]tnessed and [swor]ne Ann[o]: [1]658"

[Robert Stetson to Joseph Tilden*]

[p. 2] On 10 November, 1662, "Robert Stetson of Scittuate .... in america Carpenter" for "a sufficient some of money" sold to "Josepth Tilden of Scittuate aforsaid yeoman .... all my Right .... in a saw mill standing upon the third herring brooke in Scittuate aforsaid my pte of which said saw mill is one whole third pte or share therof; the whole said saw mill being built by m[r] Timothy Hatherley of Scittuate aforsaid and Josepth Tilden aforsaid and my selfe;"

The deed was signed by a mark. The witnesses were James Torrey, Sr., and James Torrey, Jr.

(*To be continued*)

* Complete description printed.

HON. PETER THACHER'S WILL

By the Editor

Peter Thacher, son of John and Rebecca (Winslow) Thacher, of Yarmouth, Mass., was born in that town 20 May, 1665, and died there on 13 February, 1735/6. He married Thankful Sturgis[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), of Yarmouth. The date of the marriage is not known, but the first recorded child was born 13 January, 1693/4. Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher was born about 1674, and died 1 May, 1745. She and her husband were buried in the Ancient Cemetery at Yarmouth.

Peter and Thankful Thacher had seven children, recorded at Yarmouth: Thankful, who married John Hallet; Peter, died young; a son, lived only two days; Sarah, who married George Lewis; Temperance, who married Seth Crocker; a second Peter, who married Anner Lewis; Hannah, who did not marry.

Peter Thacher made his will on 6 January, 1735/6, and it was probated 26 February, 1735/6. Exhaustive abstracts of all records on the Barnstable County, Mass., Probate Records, at Barnstable, Mass., relating to his estate, are here printed, at the expense of Mr. Arthur E. Lothrop, of Brookline, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Peter and Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher, through their daughter Sarah, who married George Lewis. No original papers relating to this estate are now in the probate files.

[Hon. Peter Thacher's Will]

[5: 281] "Peter Thacher of Yarmouth" made his will 6 January, 1735/6. Bequests were as follows.

"all my Just Debts and funeral charges Shall be paid by my Son Peter Thacher .... In consideration of what I have given to him in this my will"

To "my loving Wife Thankfull Thacher y^e^ use and Improvement of y^e^ Easterly End of my Dwelling House from y^e^ lower floor and upward and y^e^ use of half my leantoo chimney & oven and Cellars during her continuance my Widdow (She allowing my Daughter Hannah to live with her untill Maried) togeather with y^e^ Profits use and Improvement of one third p^t^ both for Quantity & Quality of all my lands & meadows & Barn during her

Widdowhood as above and no longer. Also I Give unto my Sd Wife one third p^{t} of all my moveable Estate Except my husbandry tools and tackling and my two oxen all which I Give to my Son Peter y^{e} better to enable him to Pay my Debts abovesd"

To "my Daughter Hannah Thacher my bed in my bedroom with y^{e} Beding belonging to it And .... Fifty pounds more to be paid to her out of y^{e} other two thirds of my moveable Estate: She to chuse Such things as will best Suit her & to have Them at a Just price as She and my Execed^{s} may agree on or else Valued by Indifferent men And .... my Sd Daughter Hannah Shall have y^{e} previledge to live with her mother During her continuance in my house If Sd hannah continue Single So long : And if .... She continue Single longer than her mother lives in Sd house then .... Sd Hannah Shall have the priviledge & Improvement of y^{e} Great lower room & bedroom and liberty in the leatoo to use y^{e} oven and Cellar as She may have occasion for her own p^{r}sonal Improvement and to have of y^{e} fruit that Shall grow in my orchards yearly for her own eating untill maryed"

To "my grandson Peter Hallet Three pounds money if he live to y^{e} age of twenty one years Viz in Such money as Then goes currant"

To "my son Peter all my wearing apparill my gun and my Servant Robin he fulfiling [p. 282] Indenters &c And I Give unto my Sd Son Peter my Bed which was mother Baxters Bolster and one pair of Shets one blanket and one coverlid which my wife Shall then See Cause And my Cain"

To "my Son George Lewis my waling Stik which he gave me"

"I give all The rest of my moveable Estate to my four Daughters viz Thankfull Hallet Sarah Lewis Temperence Crocker & Hannah Thacher Equally among Them .... also to my Sd four Daughters .... Twenty Shilling each To be paid to them within two years after my Decease"

To "my Son Peter Thacher .... all my housings lands meadows woodlands and woodlots .... (Excepting and Reserving only to my wife and Daughter Hannah what I have herein given to them) on Condition he my Sd Son fulfill y^{e} Contents of this my will and find and provide Suitable and Sufficient fire wood att y^{e} door cut fit for y^{e} fire for his mother and Sister Hannah during their and each of their abode in Sd house"

"my wife Thankfull and my Son Peter to be Executrix & Executor"

The witnesses were John Thacher, Judah Thacher and John Thacher, Jr.

On 26 February, 1735, at Barnstable, before Melatiah Bourn, Esq., Judge of Probate, the "will of the Honarable Peter Thacher late of Yarmouth Esq^{r} Deceased" was probated on the testimony of the three witnesses, "John Thacher Esq^{r} Judah Thacher and John Thacher Jun^{r}", and administration was "commited unto m^{rs} Thankfull Thacher and Peter Thacher Executors"

[p. 283] On 18 February, 1736, Joseph Hawes, Thomas Hallet and Samuel Sturgis took the inventory, at Yarmouth. The total amount was £876, 17s. The real estate was "House out Housing and lands & meadow" £650. The time of an "Indian Boy called Robin" was valued at £20; the time of an Indian boy called John, £15; "Chest and Cuppboard 8/ that is at John Hallets" 8s.

On 18 February, 1736, "M^{rs} Thankfull Thacher and Peter Thacher Executors" made oath to this "Inventory of y^{e} Estate of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Peter Thacher Esq^{r} Late of Yarmouth Deceased"

The will and inventory were recorded by Silvanus Bourn, Register.

PLYMOUTH COLONY VITAL RECORDS

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Swansey Regester of Marriages Beirthes and burialls 1674

Benjamine the son of Robert Jones was borne the 8th day of May in the yeer 1674

Edward the son of Hezekiah Luther was borne the 27th of Aprill 1674

Hephzibath the Daughter of Thomas Lewis was borne the 15th of November 1674

James the son of John Myles the younger was borne the 26th of December 1674

John the son of Joseph Chafey was borne the 16th Day of Septem: 1673

Israell the son of Israell Pecke was borne the 18th Day of December 1674

Rachell the Daughter of Nathaniel : Chafey was borne the 7th of Septem: in the yeer 1673

Thomas Manning and Rachell Blisse were Married the 28 of October 1674

M^{r} John Faireweather and Elizabeth Dicksey were Married and not Recorded

Burialls
Mary the Daughter of Joseph Chafey Deceased the 7th of May 1674
Mary the wife of Samuell Bullocke Deceased the 4th of October 1674
Sollomon the son of Joseph Carpenter Deceased the 25 of October 1674
Capt: Thomas Willett the 3 Day of August 1674
This is a true accompt of all the beirthes Marriages and burialls that have bine to my knowlidge within the Towne of Swansey for to be Returned this yeer;
Dated Swansey the 26 of the 12th month 1674
Nicholas Tanner Town Clarke

[p. 55] 1673
Beirthes Marriages and burialls of the Towne of Rehoboth in the yeer of our Lord 1673

Birthes
Antipas Newman son of Samuell Newman borne the 29 of March;
Rachell the Daughter of Rice Leanard the 26 of January
Mehittable the Daughter of William Sabin the 10th of May
Israell the son of Samuell Sabin the 16 of June
Nathaniell the son of Gorge Robinson the 1 of November
Judith the Daughter of Thomas Cooper the 11th of Septemb[er]
Henery the son of Ensigne Henery Smith the 4th of Decembe[r]
Robert the son of Jonathan Fuller the 2cond of March
Benjamine the son of Benjamine Sabin the 2cond of December
Sarah the Daughter of Jeremiah Wheaten the 29th Septem[ber]
Mary the Daughter of John Perren Junir: the 16th of Aprill;
Ruth the Daughter of John Wilmoth the 5th of October
Hannah the Daughter of John Albey the 10th of October
Elizabeth the Daughter of Willam Hamon The 24th of Septem 1661
Elizabeth the Daughter of John Johnson 19 : of May

Marriages 1673*
Mr James Willett Married to Elizabeth Hunt the 17th of Aprill;
John Fuller to Abigaill Titus 25th of Aprill
John Titus to Lydia Redwey the 17th of July:
Isacke Allin to Mary Bowin the 30th of May
Robert Beere to Elizabeth Bulluck the 25 of June

* The year is on the inner margin of the page.

Joseph Allin to Hannah Sabin the 10th of November
Peter Hunt Junir: to Rebeckah Paine the 24th of December
Samuell Fuller to Mary Iyde the 12th of December
John Woodcocke Junir: To Sarah Smith the 26th of February

Burialls 1673*

Elizabeth the Daughter of John Savage was buried the 3th of March
Mary the Daughter of Jarett Ingram the 25 of May
Antipas the son of Samuell Newman the [*25 of May*†] 17 of July
Sarah the Daughter of John Reed: Junr: 19 July
Sarah the wife of Samuell Pecke the 27 of October
Daniell the son of Leift Peter Hunt the 15th of Septem
Roger Annadowne the 13th of November
Nathaniell the son of Gorge Robinson the 9 of November
Sarah the wife of Mr Willam Blackston the Middle of June
Allice the wife of John Kinsley the 14 of January
Transcribed out of the Towne Records
by me Willam Carpenter
Clarke;

[p. 56] 1674

The Marriages beirthes and Burialls in the Towne of Rehoboth in the yeer 1674
John Kinsley Married to Mary Maury the 16th of March;
Thomas Wilmouth Married to Mary Robinson the 7th of June
Willam Blanding Married to Bethya‡ the 4th of September
John Butterworth Married to Hannah Wheaten the 4th of September
Thomas Manning Married to Rachell Blisse the 28th of October
Steven Burph married to Elizabeth Perry the 29th of May
Thomas Jordaine Married to Easter Hall the 24th of December

Beirthes 1674§

Mathew Buckland son of Joseph Buckland borne the 16 of September
Meriam Carpenter Daughter of William Carpenter borne the 16th of October;
Sollomon Miller son of Robert Miller borne the sixt of March

* The year is on the inner margin of the page.

† Crossed out, in the original, and the entry completed, as printed, in the same hand and ink.

‡ The surname was omitted, apparently by oversight, as no space was left.

§ The year is on the outer margin of the page.

Mehittable Whittaker Daughter of Richard Whittakar borne the 27th of December
Elizabeth Ormsbey Daughter of John Ormsbey borne the 27th of November
Rebeckah Pecke Daughter of John Pecke borne the 5th of Aprill;
Isacke Bowine son of Obadiah Bowine borne the 30th of September;
Nathaniel : Smith son of Daniell Smith borne the 7th of August;
Thomas Cooper son of Nathaniel Cooper borne the 12th of July;
Jacob Ormsbey son of Jacob Ormsbey borne the 23 of august
Sarah Savage Daughter of John Savage borne the 10th of March;
Mary Bullocke Daughter of Samuell Bullock borne the 5th of October
John Fuller son of John Fuller borne the 8th of Septem:
Isacke Allin son of Isake Allin Borne the 3th of January;
Lydia Titus Daughter of John Titus borne the sixt of December
Nathaniell Gylson son of James Gylson borne the 24 of January
Jonathan Sabin son of Joseph Sabin borne the 12th of July
David Sabin son of Nehemiah Sabin borne the 10th of November;

[p. 57] 1674

Benjamine Beer son of Rober Beer . borne the sixt of June
John Woodcocke son of John Woodcocke Junir borne the 18th of December;
Gilbert Stevens son of Francis Stevens borne the 26th of February;

Burialls 1674*

John Perren senir: buried the 13th of September
Samuell Holmes son of Samuell Holmes buried the 13th of Sept:
Richard Bowine senir buried 4th of february
David Sabin son of Nehemiah Sabin buried the 4th of february
Experience Walker Daughter of Phillip Walker buried the 10th of November
Elizabeth Reed the wife of Thomas Reed buried the 23 of february
Transcribed out of the Records by mee

William Carpenter
Clarke;

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* The year is on the inner margin of the page.

THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH BARTLETT, JR.

By the Editor

Joseph Bartlett[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]) was born about 1665, and died 9 April, 1703, at Plymouth, Mass. The record of his death calls him "Sergant Joseph Bartlett", and his gravestone, on Burial Hill, at Plymouth, states that he was in his thirty-eighth year. He married, on 6 June, 1692, Lydia Griswold, who was born in September, 1672, and survived her first husband, marrying Joseph Holmes on 25 January, 1705. Lydia (Griswold) (Bartlett) Holmes died 6 January, 1752, old style, and was buried on Burial Hill.

Joseph Bartlett[4] died intestate, and his widow Lydia was appointed administratrix. In the settlement dated 18 December, 1713, Lydia was called "now the wife of Joseph Holmes Jun[r] of Plimouth".

Exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents now on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estate of Joseph Bartlett[4] are here printed, at the expense of Mrs. Charles Franklin Stevens, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who is descended from Joseph and Lydia (Griswold) Bartlett, through their daughter Lydia (Bartlett) LeBaron.

[Joseph Bartlett's Estate]

[From original inventory] On 21 April, 1703, James Warren and Thomas Clarke took "An Inventory of y[e] Estate of Joseph Bartlett Juner". The total amount was £653, 16s., 10d. The real estate was: "The homestead and Salt marsh" £210; "y[e] point feild" £44; "the pasture" £60; "Tarrowes Feild and 40 acres adjoining" £50; "45 acres & Sarah Warrens Lot" £70; "Lands at Agawam" £30; "Littles meadow" £3; "flat at Ele River". Lydia Bartlett, the administratrix, made oath to the inventory, 23 December, 1703. [The inventory was also recorded, 2: 52.]

[2: 20] On 18 June, 1703, Lydia Bartlett "widdow of Joseph Bartlett late of Plimouth" was appointed administratrix.

[From original bond] On 18 June, 1703, "Lidia Bartlett of Plimouth", as administratrix, gave a bond of £300, with "Joseph Bartlett of Plimouth.... yeoman" as surety. The bond was

signed by "lidia Bartlett" and "Joseph Bartlet". The witnesses were Caleb Loring and Cornelius Waldo.

[From original document] On 24 June, 1704, "Lidia Bartlett of Plimouth Relect widdow of Joseph Bartlett Junr" was appointed guardian of "Joseph Samuel Benjamin Lidia & Sarah Bartlett all Children of the sd Joseph Bartlett who are Minors under the age of fourteen years" [The appointment was also recorded, 2: 46.]

[From original bond] On 24 June, 1704, Lydia Bartlett, widow, with Joseph Bartlett, cooper, of Plymouth, as surety, gave a bond of £500, as guardian of Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, Lydia and Sarah, "her children by her said late husband". The bond was signed by "Lidea Bartlett" and "Joseph Bartlet". The witnesses were Joseph Otis and "Ephraim Little Junr".

[From original settlement] "Decembr 20th 1705 The Settlemt of ye Estate of Joseph Bartlett Junr of Plimouth

The Total of ye Inventory	187lb	3s	2d
out of wch was taken as follows			
The Widows bed	10	0	0
allowed for Loss of Cattell	7	0	0
provision Taken out of Inventory	13	7	0
charge in administration	2	0	0
	32	7	0
which 32lb 7sh taken out of ye Inventory Remaines	155	16	2
Out of wch ye Widows thirds	51	18	8
Remaines to the children 2 thirds	103	17	6
To Joseph Bartlett	34	12	6
to Samuel Bartlett	17	6	3
to Benjamin Bartlett	17	6	3
to Lydia Bartlett	17	6	3
to Sarah Bartlett	17	6	3
	103	17	6

The Income of ye farm 26lb allowed also for bring up ye Children:
pr Nathaniel Thomas. J. Probats"

[The settlement was also recorded, 2: 20.]

[From original bond] On 22 December, 1705, Ephraim Little of Plymouth gave a bond of £200, with William Clarke of Plymouth as surety, said Little having been "admitted .... Guardian unto Joseph Bartlett Samuel Bartlett & Lidia Bartlett children of Joseph Bartlett late of Plimouth deceased". The witnesses were Jacob Willard and Joshua Morss.

[2: 68] On 8 March, 1705/6, "M^r Ephraim Little of Plimouth" was appointed guardian of "Joseph, Samuel & Lidia Bartlett Children of Joseph Bartlett Jun^r late of Plimouth deceased who are Minors under the age of fourteen years".

[From original document] "Wheras Joseph Bartlett late of Plimouth afores^d dec^d Leaving (amongst other Children) Benjamin & Sarah who are Minors under the age of fourteen years" "M^r Ephraim Little of Plimouth .... Clerk" was appointed their guardian, on 20 December, 1706. [The appointment was also recorded, 2: 83.]

[From original warrant] On 17 June, 1713, "James Warren Esq^r Ensigne Benjamin Warren & Cap^t Charles Church all of Plimouth" were appointed to appraise "all the houseing & Lands of Joseph Bartlett Jun^r Late of Plimouth afores^d deceased wherof he dyed seized & that hath sence his death accrued to his Estate" [The warrant was also recorded, 3: 262.]

[From original appraisal] The appraisal was made 3 November, 1713, and sworn to by the three appraisers 17 December, 1713. The real estate was: "The hous loot or hoome steed being a bout 70 : or : 80 : acres Together with the dwellen hous ,barn and sheep hous crib ochard and fenses Thar on standen" £330; "The land that was nathanel warrens Sen^r formarly of plimouth desesed being bounded as by one deed of petion* being a bout 35 acres" £175; "The land betwen Taros feeld and the Whall hool† being about 48 acres" £144; "his 30 acre loot : and : 10 : acres he boot of y^e Town ling nere John wonos land and bounded Toward The weast with y^e sd nathanel warren land above mentond" £120; "The other : 5 : acres of land he boot of y^e Town ling betwen Unphry Torner land and the home steed being a bout : 8 : acres" £10; "The land caled Taros feeld being a bout 16 acres" £56; "The pint feeld so Caled as it is inclosed with the fence being a bout : 18 : acres" £172; "The : 20 : acre loot and : 60 : acre loot ling nere lettel medo so caled" £12; "his shar in lettel medo granted by the Town ling above y^e dam" £3; "his Shar or loot of land being y^e 14 loot in nomber in y^e Tenth loot latly lade out in y^e comond land" £7; "his shar in the seader swamp ling in the 3 loot" £4; "his part of lettel medo lieng below y^e dam geven to him by his fathar" £1; "his part of the land and medo at Agawame" £40. [The warrant and inventory are also recorded, 3: 262.]

* Partition.

† Whale hole.

[3: 264] "The Settlement of The Estate of Joseph Bartlett Jun^{r} Late of Plimouth .... deceased to & amongst his Childrean Viz Joseph Samuel & Benjamin Lydia & Sarah Saveing & Reserving to their mother the Relict of the Said Deceased now the wife of Joseph Holmes Jun^{r} of Plimouth Affores^{d} her thirds or Dower in all the following Parcells of Land dureing her Life the third part of the apprized Vallue of all the Said Lands being deducted and to be proportioned in Like manner amongst the Said Childrean after their mothers Decease So that herein now following all the Lands of the Said Deceased are Divided yet but two thirds of the Apprized Vallue Thereof as followeth"

"Joseph The Eldest Sons Double Portion being 273 .. 5 .. 10 he Shall have all the houselott or homestead being about Seventy or Eighty acres together with the Dwelling house Barne Sheep house Crib orchard and fences prized at 330 pounds and also the five acres of Land bought of the Town Lying between Humphry Turners and the homestead being about Eight Acres prized at Ten pounds and also his father's part of the Lands and meadows at Agawam prized at fourty Pounds .... and also of the moveable Estate the Sum of 19 .. 19 .. 2"

"And Samuel The 2^{d} Sons Portion being 136 .. 12 .. 11 he Shall have the Point Field So Called as it is Inclosed with the fence being about Eighteen Acres Prized at 172 pounds and also his fathers Share in the Cedar Swamp being in the 3^{d} Lott prized at four Pounds and also Ten acres of Land his father bought of the Town Laid out with his 30 acre Lott prized at thirty pounds .... he therefore paying to his two Sisters the sum of" 13s., 9d.

"And The Third Sons Benjamins Portion being 136 .. 12 .. 11 he shall have the Land that was Nathaniel Warrens Sen^{r} formerly of Plimouth dec^{d} being bounded as by one Deed of Partition being about 35 Acres prized at 175 pounds .... and also the sum of 19 .. 19 .. 7 out of the moveable Estate."

"And Lidia the Eldest Daughters Portions being Each* 136 .. 12 .. 11 They* shall have in Equal halves their fathers thirty acre Lott Laid out with the above mentioned Ten Acres bought of the Town Lying near John Wannos Land and bounded toward the West with the Said Nathaniel Warrens Land above mentioned prized at 90 pounds and the Land Called Tarras Feild being about 16 acres prized at 66 pounds and the Land between Tarra's Field and the Whale hole being about 48 acres prized at 144 pounds and the 20 acre Lott & the 60 acre Lott Lying near Littles Meadow

* Sarah's name appears to have been omitted by mistake.

[p. 265] Meadow So Called prized at 12 pounds and their fathers Share Lying in Littles Meadow above the Dam prized at 3 pounds and their fathers part of Littles meadow Lying below the Dam Given to him by his father prized at 20 shillings and there fathers Share of Land being the fourteenth Lott in number in the Tenth Lott lately Laid out in the Comon Land prized at seven pounds. To have and To hold all the Said parcells of Land To Them and their Several heirs for Ever . and also shall have out of the moveable Estate the Sum of 63 pounds 18 shillings & 9 pence and also their Brother Samuel Shall pay them thirteen shillings and nine pence also there is some Sal meadow at Monument Ponds and a part of a flatt in y^e^ Eel River not hereby divided being Covered with the Sea which if Recovered may be divided hereafter."

"Memorandum that whereas there is mention made of a former Divident of the said moveable Estate upon Record it is to be noted that the same moveables are here Divided in other manner then is there mentioned so that nothing is to be demanded of the Gardian of the Said Childrean by Vertue of that former divission and the Said Gaurdian only to account to them for this divission."

The division was dated 18 December, 1713.

[From original release] "whereas Ephraim Little Clerk was appointed .... Guardian To mee Joseph Bartlett of plym^th^ .... and Received into his hands & Improvem^t^ my Estate Settled upon mee in the Settlement of the Estate of my honoured father Joseph Bartlett late of plym^th^ deceased, I the s^d^ Joseph have received of s^d^ Guardian my whole part of s^d^ Estate w^th^ the income & Improvemt of y^e^ same .... and do .... discharge the s^d^ Ephraim Little". The release was acknowledged on 18 June, 1714, by "Joseph Bartlet". The witnesses were Thomas Croade and Sarah Rogers. [The release was also recorded, 3: 300.]

[From original release] "Samuel Bartlett of plymouth .... Trader sendeth Greeting .... wheares M^r^ Ephraim Little of s^d^ plymouth Clerk was appointed in my Minority to be my Guardian and Accordingly took into his possesion .... my goods & Estate that I have now (being Arrived to full Age) Accounted with y^e^ s^d^ Ephraim Little .... & Do hereby .... discharge y^e^ s^d^ Ephraim Little". The release was acknowledged 17 November, 1718, by "Sam^ll^ Bartlett". The witnesses were Ignatius Cushing and Samuel Clark. [The release was also recorded, 4: 152.]

BARNSTABLE, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

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[Vol. I, p. 194] Marriages sollemnized by the Rev^{d} Enoch Pratt.
Micajah Handy to Betsey Holmes of Barnstable Novm^{r} 27th 1807
David H. Eldridge to Polly Snow of D^{o} Nov^{r} 27th
Asa Conant to Anna Smith of D^{o} Decm^{r} 24th
Alpeus Hinckley to Sylvia Lovell of D^{o} January 14th 1808
Thomas Phinney to Mary Carsley of D^{o} February 28th
James Howland to Patty Hopkins . March 31st
Barnabas Crocker to Joanna Crocker . April 7th
Isaac Bodfish to Betsy Bodfish . May 6th
Josiah Ames to Chloe Lovell . June 18th
Stephen Southwick of Newport to Lydia Backus Sept^{r} 19th
Peter Howes to Rebecca Backus . Oct^{r} 20th
Eben^{r} C. Shermon of Newbedford to Content Tabor, Oct^{r} 22^{d}
Benj^{n} Gifford to Sally Allen, both of Sandwich Sep^{tr} 29th
Peter Cammet to Anna Goodspeed . March 7th 1809
Allen Fuller to Betsy Smith . March 20th
William Holway to Mary Fish . D^{o} 30th
Nathan Thomas, to Jane Goodspeed . D^{o} 30th
Bartlet Hilliard to Sally Ames . July 15th
Cornelius Jones to Abigail Bursley . July 23^{d}
Heman Backus to Mahitable Crocker . July 23^{d}
Edmond Hinckley to Betsey Crocker . July 23^{d}
Ellis Jenkins to Susanna Goodspeed . Novm^{r} 30th
Josiah Bodfish to Mahitable Parker . Novm^{r} 30th
Nye Jones to Betsey Jones . D^{o} 30th
Lot Crocker to Betsey Chipman . Jan^{ry} 1st 1810
John Goodspeed to Phebe Ford of Welfleet . D^{o} 25th
Almon Goodspeed to Rebecca Parker . Feb^{y} 25th
Thomas Goodspeed to Patty Goodspeed . D^{o} 28th
David Bodfish to Betsey Nye—May.
James Fuller to Rosanna Jones . July 28th
Marsena Jones to Mercy Bursley . Sept^{r} 14th
Thomas Isham to Sophia Hinckley . Oct^{r} 17th
Reuben Backus to Patience Marston . D^{o} 22^{d}

[p. 195] Marriages sollemnised by the Rev^{d} Enoch Pratt.
Richard Cowet to Leah Rednder, of Couler march 26th 1811
Eliphalet Hatch of Falmouth to Eunice Lovell . Feb^{y} 15th
Alvin Hinckley to Polly Isham . Sep^{tr}
Barnabas Ryder to Mercy Adams . Oct^{r}
Thomas Backus to Polly Bates . Dcem^{r}
Crocker Backus to Betsey Crocker . April 1812
Benjamin Jones to Betsey Crocker . June
John Ames to Maria Hilliard . Augst
William Crosby to Lorinza Hinckley . D^{o}
Luther Hinckley to Polly Marston . Oct^{r}
Enos Aames to Polly Coombs . Oct^{r}
Benjamin Bacon to Sophia Crosby . Oct^{r}
Job Howland to Anna Lovell . Nov^{r}
Anselm Parker of Falmouth to Charlotte Jenkins – D^{o}
Ezra Crocker to Lydia Nye of Sandwich . Nov^{r}
Joseph Nye of Sandwich to Betsey H. Wood . Feb^{y} 3^{d} 1813
Silas Goodspeed to Rachel Goodspeed . Feb^{y} 11th
Samuel Crocker to Thankful Percival of Sand^{h} D^{o}
Zenas Lovell to Lydia Marston . March
Zenas Fish to Lydia Nye . Augst 13th
William Lumbard of Sandwich to Eunice Crosby Nov^{r} 30th
Joshua Parker to Deborah Black . Decm^{r} 17th
Samuel Blackwell of Sandwich to Jane Whelden . Decm^{r}
David Lovell to Patty Crocker . January 5th 1814
Moses Sturgis to Hannah Cottelle . Febr^{y} 9th
James P. Crocker to Serena Lovell . March 11th
Ezekiel Crocker J^{r} to Deborah Jones . May 14th
Cornelius Jones to Mariah Jones . June 19th
Samuel Crosby to Martha Bodfish . D^{o} 30th
Samuel Pitcher to Chloe Ames . July 12th
Thomas Jones to Polly Jones . D^{o} 21st
Jesse Bradford of Plymouth to Maria Lovell . Oct^{r} 30th
James Childs of Lee . to Betsy Goodspeed . Nov^{r} 10th
Jedediah Jones J^{r} to Hannah Bodfish . Dec^{r} 1st
Isaac Fish of Barnstable to Cyntha Launders, of Sand^{h} March 8th 1815
Nathan Jones to Rhoda Atwood – D^{o} 26th
David Green to Hannah Bates – April 13th
David Parker of Boston to Olive Garrett – D^{o} 22^{d}
Josiah Hinckley to Mercy C. Easterbrook – July 9th
Richard Derrick to Eunice Bursley, both of Sandwich . D^{o} 27th

[p. 196] Marriages Solemised by Rev^{d} Enoch Pratt, as follows. viz.

Elijah Loring to Hannah Hinckley, of Barnstable July 19th 1815
John Thacher J^{r} to Eliza Hewett. D^{o} Augs^{t} 13th
Timothy Horsfield of Yarmouth to Eliza Doane. D^{o}*. D^{o} 20th
Ansel D. Annable to Lucretia Crocker. D^{o}*. No^{r} 12th
Ebenezer Bacon to Phebe Davis. D^{o}*. Oc^{tr} 8th
Eliphalet Jones to Chloe Hilliard. D^{o}*. Jan^{y} 28th 1816
Lot Wing of Sandwich to Clarissa Hallet. D^{o}*. Feb^{y} 1st
Jonathan Eldridge, to Melinda Bearse, both of Barnstable Febr^{y} 29th D^{o}
George Crocker, of Barnstable to Alice Hoxie of Sandwich. May 5th D^{o}
William Tupper to Ruth Crosby. both of Barnstable. June 5th D^{o}
Nathan Goodspeed of Barnstable to Thankful Holway of Sandwich June 13th
Crocker Marchant to Amelia Lovell of Barnstable July 28th
Micajah Handy, to Aurela Gage – of Barnstable. Sep^{tr} 19th
Henry Lovell, to Lydia Marchant of D^{o} – Novm^{r} 7th
Alvan Coleman to Lydia Robbins of D^{o} – Novm^{r} 28th
Joshua Lovell J^{r} to Lydia Scudder – D^{o} – Novm^{r} 28th
Ezra Lovell to Chloe Hinckley – both of D^{o} – April 13th 1817
Ezra Goodspeed, to Liticier Wiley of D^{o} – May 28th
William Hinckley to Rebecca Allyn – D^{o} – June 1st
Oliver Hinckley to Louisa Crocker – D^{o} – August 14th
Seth Carsley to Temperance Bradley – D^{o} – August 25th
Nathaniel A. Crosby to Eliza Lovell D^{o} – Oct^{r} 2^{d}
James Percivell of Sandwich to Mary Crocker, of Barnstable Oct^{r} 9th
Alfred Gifford of Hudson N. Y. to Clarissa Crocker D^{o}* Oct^{r} 14th
Ausmon Bursley to Huldah Fish, both of D^{o}*. Oct^{r} 19th
Oliver Scudder to Chalana Lumbard of D^{o}*. Oct^{r} 21th
Freeman Percivell of Sandwich to Maria E. Wood of D^{o}*. Oct^{r} 29th
Daniel Lovell to Sarah Jenkins both of Barnstable Nov^{r} 6th
John Lewis to Sarah Parker – of D^{o} – Decm^{r} 4th
Joseph Goodspeed, to Zilpha Jones – D^{o} – Decm^{r} 6th
Harcules Hodges, to Ester Parker – D^{o} Dcem^{r} 23^{d}
Philip Colby of Middelborough to Maria Otis of Barnstable January 1st 1818

* Barnstable.

Benjamin Berry to Lucy Bearse, both of Barnstable – January 29th
Zenas Jones to Martha Jones – of Do – March 4th
Andrew Crosby to Thirsa Lovell . of Do – July 2d
Silvanus Hatch, of Falmouth to Sarah F. Stewart, of Barnstable Septr 9th
Barachiah Bourne, Do – to Eliza Young – Do* – Septr 9th
Abraham Hinckley to Betsy Jones both of Do* – 1819
Freeman Crosby to Caroline Parker – of Do* – 1819

[p. 197] Marriages Solenized by the Revd Enoch Pratt as follows viz
Chipman Hinckley to Abigail Hamlen both of Barnstable April 25th 1819
Warren Hinckley to Lucy Russell – Do†
Allen G. Drody to Priscilla Clark – Do†
Stephen Coombs to Lucretia Isham – Do†
Charles Man of Scituate to Mary D. Lothrop of Do*†
Seth Goodspeed to Clarissa Robbins – Do*†
Stephen Baley of Raymond N. H. to Sally Whitman of Barnstable Novmr 2d
Seth Meiggs of Sandwich to Rebecca Fuller of Do* – Novr 2d
Arthur B. Marston, to Hannah Jones, both of Barnstable January 2d 1820
Harvey Hinckley to Caroline C. Smith of Do January 20th Do
Thomas S. Nye, of Sandwich to Betsy Whitman of Do* – February 15th Do
Daniel Parker to Rachel Nye both of Do* March 14th Do
John Hamlin to Chloe Chamberlin of Do* April – Do
John Goodspeed, to Lydia Meiggs – of Do* April – Do
Joseph Huckins, to Rebecca Hawes – of Do* Septr 7th Do
Silvester Baxter, of Yarmouth, to Mercy B. Parker of Do* Septr 10th Do
Holbrook Lovell, to Sarah Allen, both of Barnstable Septr 14th Do
James Childs, to Elizabeth Crocker of Do* Septr 28th
Noah Bradford, to Caroline Parker, of Do* Octr 5th
David Phinney, to Joanna Smith of Do* Octr 8th
Joseph Bodfish, to Tabitha Hatch, of Do* Novm 23d
Charles Marston, to Nancy Goodspeed, of Do* Febry 11th‡ 1821

* Barnstable.

† No date was entered.

‡ "Febry 11th" has been crossed out in pencil, and "January 18th" interlined, in pencil, in a different hand. This pencil interlineation has been used in the copied volume, and no mention made of the original date recorded.

Daniel H. Sturgis to Betsy B. Crocker – of D°* – June 16th
Robert H. Cammet, to Cynthia Baker of D°* – July 17th
Isaac Phinney, to Mehitable Ames – of D°* – Sep^tr 11th
Samuel Childs, to Sarah Goodspeed – of D°* – Oc^tr 11th
Charles B. Tobey of Nantucket to Mary Goodspeed of D°* Novm^r 15th
Ira Hinckley, to Hannah Robbins of Barnstable – Novm^r 22^d
Arthur B. Crocker, to Eliza Whelden of D°* Dcem^r 5th
James Robbins, to Sally Bearse – of D°* Dcem^r 26th
Silas F Jones to Ollive Lovel both of Barnstable Jan. 29th 1822
Thomas Vinson of Dennis to Mary Smith of D°* March 19th
George Blish to Rebeckah P Fish both of D°* April 11th
Lot Gage to Hannah Chipman both of D°* June 13th
Josiah Clark to Rachel Berry – of D°* August 8th
Abram Fuller to Lucy Wheldren – of D°* September
Isaih Rider of Chatham to Martha Crocker of D°* December 4th
Noble Everet of Wareham to Mercy Nye of D°* December 5th
David Lothrop of Yarmouth to Sally Swenton of D°* Dec 26th
Aaron Nickerson Martha Phinny both of D°* Dec 17th
Alaxander Pinkam of Nantucket to Celio Fuller of D°* [†]

[p. 198] Marriages Sollemnized by the Rev. Enoch Pratt 1823
January the 2^d Albert Hinkley to Eliza Goodspeed both of Barnstable
19th Jason Howland to Anna F Jones both of Barnstable
26th David Parker of Boston to Sophia Marston of Barnstable
Feb 7th Isaac Ewer to Mercy Parker both of Barnstable
March 18th Stephen C Nye to Rachel Huckins both of Barnstable
April 6th William W Stirgis to Ruth D Childs both of Barnstable
May 20th Reuben Jones of Fairfield to Sally Jenkins of Barnstable
June 12th Bela Wheldren to Clarisa Crocker both of Barnstable
& Thomas Smith to Susanna Howes both of Barnstable
Sept 1 Thomas Gray of Boston to Mary S Gorham of Barnstable
Oct 26 Samuel Burbank of Nantucket to Loisa Crocker of Barnstable
Nov 4th Enoch T Cobb to Abiah Crocker both of Barnstable
19th Henry Cobb to Patience M Jones both of Barnstable
Nov 27th James N Howland to Lurana Bursley both of Barnstable
Dec 18th John Crocker of Sandwich to Ruth Fuller of Barnstable

* Barnstable.

† The date was not entered.

A D 1824
Jan 1. David Snow of Orleans to Betsy Fish of Barnstable
& Warren Freeman of Sandwich to Sarah G Harris of Barnstable
22d Prince Bodfish to Clarisa Fish both of Barnstable
Feb 3d Charles H Bursley to Joanna Chipman both of Barnstable
4th Doct. Frederick N Thayr to Augusta M Dewy of Barnstable
5th Daniel Bassett to Sarah Linnel both of Barnstable
" Charles Goodspeed to Sophrona Marston both of Barnstable
16th James Lumbard to Betsy Isham both of Barnstable
17th Oliver Crosby to Freelove Lumbard both of Barnstable
18th Oliver Hinkley Jun to Eliza Tupper both of Barnstable
19th John Colman to Dorcas S Childs both of Barnstable
March 4 Jonathan Parker to Maria Phinney both of Barnstable
22d Bradford B Williams to Jula Ann Hallet both of Barnstable
August 5 Obed Clark 3d of Nantucket to Mary Ann Wing of Barnstable
Sept 12th Thomas Isham to Lucy Crocker both of Barnstable
Oct 3d Benjaman Hinckley to Rebeckah E Lewis both of Barnstable
Nov 11th William Crocker Jur to Sarah Nye Howland both of Do
28th Clement Kelley to Polly Roggers both of Barnstable by Rev. P Fish
Dec 2d James H Fuller to Abigail Chipman both of Barnstable
Dec David Pratt of Carver to Sally Barrows of Barnstable
1825
Jan 13th Wilson Crosby to Mary Ann Hinckley both of Barnstable
18th Calvan Fish of Sandwich to Martha Adams of Barnstable
Feb 1st Elijah Phinney to Temperence Harlow both of Barnstable
3d Allen Tupper to Abigail H Lovell both of Barnstable
" Josiah Ames to Abigail H Parker both of Barnstable

[p. 209] Marriages solemised by the Revd Josiah Sturtevant as Returned by him viz
Benjamin Lewis Jr to Mehitable Pinney* both of Barnstable, May 9th 1819
Harvey Hallet, to Nancy Linnell of Do Octr 7th Do
Eli Hinckley, to Caroline Gage of Do July 25th Do
Silvanus Simmons Jr to Hannah Hadaway of Do Novmr 3d Do
Benjamin Eldridge, of Chatham, to Eliza Phinney, of Barnstable May 7th 1820
Thomas Linnell, to Sophia Case, both of Barnstable, May 16th Do

* Sic.

George Hinckley, to Puella* Scudder, both of Barnstable, August 13th Do
Watson Crosby, to Olive Bassett, both of Barnstable . Oct^r 10th Do
Lot Case, to Eliza Cahoon, both of Barnstable, Nov^mr 22d Do
Asa Stephens, to Caroline Crosby, both of Barnstable, Novm^r 23d Do
Simeon Coombs, to Sarah Hinckley, both of Barnstable Sep^t 11th 1821
Ansel Hamles†, to Asenath H. Crosby, both of Barnstable Oct^r 28th Do
Freeman Phinney, to Harriet Crosby, both of Barnstable Novm^r 11th Do
Thomas Bearse, of Nantucket to Jemima Norris of Barnstable Novm^r 25th Do
Reuben Hilman of Do‡, to Betsy Chase, of Barnstable Dcem^r 13th Do
Charles Phinney, to Lucy Scudder, both of Barnstable January 27th 1822
Almond Bearse, of Barnstable to Mary T. Thayer, of Taunton March 5th Do
Judah Bacon to Mahala Bearse, both of Barnstable April 11th Do
Josiah Scudder Jun to Sophrona Hawes both of Barnstable Feb 16th 1823
Elijah Lewis to Jane Phinney both of Barnstable April 22d Do
Seth Hallet to Sophia Bassett both of Barnstable May 25th Do
Lemuel Holway to Melissa Hallet both of Barnstable May 22d Do
Ira Bearse to Melintha Crowel both of Barnstable May 28th Do
George Savory to Catharine B Baxter both of Barnstable June 8th Do

[End of Volume I of Original Records.—*Editor.*]

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

* "L" has been inserted after "Puella", in pencil.

† Sic. Probably for "Hamlen"

‡ Nantucket.

UNRECORDED BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEEDS

(*Continued from page 16*)

THE abstracts printed in this issue were made in March, 1909, from original deeds owned by Mr. Henry Arey of Yarmouthport, Mass.

Two of these deeds were formerly recorded in the Barnstable County, Mass., Registry of Deeds, but had not been re-recorded after the fire, which destroyed the records in 1827.

The other deeds here presented had never been recorded.

[DR. JONATHAN KENWRICK TO OLIVER AREY]

"Jonathan Kenwrick of Harwich .... phisition" for £32. 5s. 10d. 1 farthing sold to "Oliver Arey of Eastham .... Mariner .... all that my Land and Meadow as herin herafter Expressed viz one part of a Lot of Land Lying in the Easterly part of S^d^ Harwich" containing about 16 acres, bounded "Begining on the Bank by the River at the fence that is in the Rang between Said Granted Land and Namecoik thence Runinging Southerly as the Said fence Runs betwen S^d^ land and Namecoik to the Road way that Leads into Said Namecoik thence Westerly by the fence that Runs between S^d^ Land and John Yeatses land till in Comes to a Ceder Swamp to a Stump in the Edge of the Swamp thence Northerly to the River aforsaid to a heap of Stones by the Edge of the upland thence to the River thence by Said River Easterly to the first mentioned Bound as also one piece of Meadow lying in Eastham abovesaid Containg thre acors & one Quarter Lying near poche Island & on the westerly Side of Beach Creek so Called & is so much of the notherly part of a Lot of medow formerly nicolas pains the Easterly side of said Lot Lyes near Bordering on on the westerly Side of the Saide Creek where It Enters the meadows southerly of S^d^ poche Island & Sd meadow Extends from the northerly Knowls Bounds of sd lot on Each side & Ranging South Easterly thirty four poles & two thirds of a pole & In wedth the it Contains Equal as the original Lot as it was Sould from sd nicolas paine To Joshua Higgins"

The deed was dated 13 July, 1751, signed "Jonathan Kenwrick", and witnessed by Ebenezer Hopkins and Thomas Freeman. It was acknowledged 16 July, 1751, before Nathaniel Stone, Justice of the Peace, recorded 18 July, 1751, in Barnstable

County Deeds, Book 23, folio 108, by Solomon Otis, Register, and was not re-recorded, after the fire in 1827.

[Joseph Arey to Thomas Arey]

"Joseph ary of Eastham .... yeoman" for £12, sold to "thomas ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that my one Lot of wood Land .... in the Seventeenth Shear purchase lying to the northward of freemans way and is the Lot that I purched of James Knowles wich was formaly Isaac mayo desced and is Butted and Boundded as it may appeer By a deed of devizion wich was given Betwen Judah Rogers descee and James Higgins"

The deed was dated 22 October, 1774, and signed by "Joseph ary" and Hannah Ary, the latter by a mark. The witnesses were Experience Higgins, who signed by a mark, and "Jonathan Linnel, Jr". It was acknowledged 4 March, 1776, by Joseph and Hannah Arey, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace, and was not recorded.

[Joshua Mayo to Thomas Arey]

"Joshua Mayo of Eastham .... yeaoman" for £2, sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeaoman .... a peice of my Land that I bought of Joseph ary begining at a stone in the bank Ruing south westerly by the Bank five pole to a stone in the Bank thence Northwesterly four pole to a stone in the ground a Little to the westward of a Rock thence Northerly three pole to a stone in the ground by the way thence south Easterly by the way six pole to the first specified bound"

The deed was dated 28 March, 1775, signed "Joshua mayo", and witnessed by Richard Sparrow and "Joshua gould". It was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Benjamin and Eunice Taylor to Thomas Arey]

"we Benjamin Taylor and Eunis Taylor wife of said Benjamin Taylor of Eastham" for £3, 14s., 8d., sold to "Thomas ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... a certain peace of meadow Lying in Eastham near pochy Island and on the westerly side of the Beach Crick being part of a Lot of meadow that our Honnored Father oliver ary bought of Doctor Jonathan Kenwrick as may appear by a Deed baring Date the thirteenth Day of July 1751: begining at the Northerly or Lower End of said Lot Runing south Easterly one halfe of the Length of said Lot being about seventeen pole and one third of a pole"

The deed was dated 25 March, 1777, and signed by both grantors. The witnesses were "Oliver Arey" and "Nathanael myrick". It was acknowledged, 5 February, 1778, by Benjamin Taylor only, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace, and has not been recorded.

[William Higgins to Thomas Arey]

"I William Higgens of Eastham . . . . yeaoman for . . . . forty bushels of Graine" sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham . . . . yeaoman . . . . all that my Lot of Land in Eastham in Smiths purchis whare on my barn now stands which I bought of Joshua mayo Sarah mayo mary Lewis and William freeman it being the twentyeth Lot in said Smiths purchis being six acors and an half more or Less"

The deed was dated 18 June, 1779, signed "William higgins", and witnessed by Zaccheus Higgins and John Higgins. "Elisebeth Higgens wife of the above William Higgens Consents to the above said sale and Doth here unto set her hand and seale the Day and year above Ritten". The deed was acknowledged 9 July, 1779, by William Higgins only, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace. It was recorded 25 June, 1782, in Barnstable County Deeds, Book 38, folio 32, by Edward Bacon, Register, and was not re-recorded, after the fire in 1827.

[William Higgins to Thomas Arey and John Higgins]

"william Higgens of of Eastham . . . . Cordwinder" for £450, sold to "Thomas ary and John Higgens borth of Eastham . . . . yeomen . . . . in Equil proportion . . . . all that my Lot of Land Lying in Eastham in that tract of Land called Smiths purchis and is the twenty first Lot in that Division and is Bounded as may appear by Record of that propriatee togather with my Dwelling house and orchard thare on"

The deed was dated 25 June, 1779, signed "William higgins", and witnessed by "Zaccheus Higgins" and "Jonathan Kenwrick".

"I Elisebeth Higgins wife of the above named named William higgens consent to the sale . . . . and give up my Right of Dower . . . . the Day and year above Ritten" This release was signed by a mark.

The deed was acknowledged by William Higgins only, on 9 July, 1779, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace, and was not recorded.

[John Higgins to Thomas Arey]

"I John Higgens of Eastham .... mariner" for £125, "paid by Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... Do .... Quit all Clame or Demand what Ever of the house Land and orchard that I bought of william Higgens of Eastham : in partennership with him the said Thomas ary as may appear by a Deed bareing Date" 25 June, 1779, "and I Sarah Higgens wife of the above said John Higgens Do Concent to the above Quit clame and Do .... Quit my Right of Dower in the same unto the said Thomas ary"

The deed was dated 28 July, 1779, signed by "John Higgins" and Sarah Higgins, the latter making a mark, and witnessed by Hannah Hamelton, also by a mark. It was not acknowledged, and was not recorded.

[John Higgins to Thomas Arey]

"I John Higgens of Eastham .... yeoman" for £8, sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that my peace of Land and swomp and shore thare to Belonging Lying in Eastham in a neck of Land Called Namecoyck being that parsel of Land and swomp and shore that Came to Asa mayos Children by their Granfather John yates Deceased . bounded as may appear by the Reccord thare of to which Reccord Reference being had for Boundaryes .... in Witness whare of I the said John Higgens and I Sarah Higgens wife of the said John Higgens Do hear unto set our hands and seals"

The deed was dated 14 December, 1781, signed by "John Higgins" and Sarah Higgins, the latter making a mark, and witnessed by Thomas Paine and Hezekiah Higgins. It was acknowledged 3 January, 1782, by John Higgins only, before Thomas Paine, Justice of the Peace, and was not recorded.

[John Gould to Thomas Arey]

"John Gould of Eastham .... yeoman" for £7, 4s., sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... two acors of my Land in Namecoyk neck .... begining at the south East Corner bound of the Land that was Asa mayos Runingng Northerly in the Range of said Land to Jonathan Kenwricks Range thence Easterly in said Kenwricks Range to Jonathan mayos Range thence southerly in said mayos Range thirteen pole to a stone set in the ground thence westerly on a strait Line to the first spcified bound with that part of the shore thare to belonging .... In wit-

ness whar[e] of I the said John Gould and I apphia Gould wife of the said John Gould Do .... set our hands and seals"

The deed was dated 19 March, 1782, and signed by John Gould and Apphia Gould, the latter making a mark. It was witnessed by Crisp Rogers and Oliver Arey. It was acknowledged 1 August, 1782, by John Gould only, before John Davis, Justice Peace, and was not recorded.

[Stephen Cohoon to Thomas Arey]

"I Stephen Coohoone of Eastham .... yeoman" for £7, 10s., "Lawful silver mony" sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that my peace of Land in Eastham that I purchised of Thomas Gould as may appear by Deead from said Thomas Gould bairing Date" 2 January, 1779, "to which Deede Referance being had for Bound Daryes also my two thurds of the orchard that I bought of Thomas Hamilton with the small peace of Land Joining to the same that I bought of the widow mary Linnel .... in witness whareof I the said Stephen Coohoone and I Martha Coohoone wife of the above said Stephen Coohoone Do heare unto set our hands"

The deed was dated 13 December, 1782, and signed by "Stephen Cohoon" and Martha Cohoon, the latter making her mark. The witnesses were Samuel Kenwrick and Elizabeth Hopkins. It was acknowledged 4 January, 1798, by Stephen Cohoon only, before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace, and was not recorded.

[Thomas Twining to Thomas Arey]

"Thomas Twining of Eastham .... Gentleman" for £35, 13s., 8d., sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that my Right in a peace of Land that I owne in partenership with Elijah Twining my Right being one halfe of said peace Lying in Eastham to the southward of the way that Leads from Yates Niccorsons to Isaac Sparrows and Joyns to Solomon higgenses Land bounded as the fence now stands .... in witness whare of I the said Thomas Twining and I Anne Twining wife of the said Thomas Twining Do heare unto set our hands" 2 January, 1783.

The deed was signed by Thomas Twining and Anna Twining, and witnessed by John Knowles and Timothy Doane. It was acknowledged 24 September, 1783, by both Thomas and Anna Twining, before Solomon Freeman, Justice of the Peace; but was not recorded.

[Solomon Rogers to Thomas Arey]

"Solomon Rogers of Eastham ..... yeoman" for £6 sold to "Thomas Ary of said Eastham yeoman .... all that my peace of wood Land in Harwich that I bought of Samuel Knowles bounded at Gould bound on Clift pond Bank Runing Easterly forty five pole to a swamp thence Northerly ten pole to two pine trees marked on four sides thence westerly to the Clift pond to a Black oke sapling under the Bank marked on four sides from thence along the Bank to the first Bound .... in witness whare of I the said Solomon Rogers and I Zeruiah Rogers wife of the said Solomon Rogers Do hear unto set our hands" 26 February, 1783.

The deed was signed by Solomon Rogers and Zerviah Rogers, the latter making her mark, and was witnessed by Samuel Smith and Josiah Sparrow. It was acknowledged 5 April, 1783, by Solomon Rogers only, before John Davis, Justice of the Peace; but it was not recorded.

[Estate of Eleazer Rogers to Arey and Linnell]

"I asa Nickerson of Harwich .... Sole adminstrator of the Estate of Elezaer Rogers Late of Eastham Decead" for £20, 14s., "paid to me in in my said Capacity by thomas ary and uriah Linnel both of Eastham .... yeoman .... do by virtue of the power and authority given to me by the Justices of the Inferiuor Court of Common Pleas .... held at Barstable .... on the first tuesday of aprail" 1785 "Sell & Convey unto them .... all that parcil Land that the above said Elezar Rogers did dy sezies of that is to say all that Lot of Land the said Elezear Bought of Zaccheus Higgins of Estham a tract of Land Called Smiths purchas it being the Eighteenth Lot in said purchas Bunded as may appear by Record of said purchas also all that the said Rogers Bought of said Zaccheus Higgins that is to say all the said Higgins bought of the proprietors of said purchas Lying on the northerly and norther Easterly End of said Lot ajoyning to Lot Higgins Land as the fence now stands on the Easterly sid of a small swamp and so to the way"

The deed was dated 8 June, 1785, signed "Asa Nickerson", and witnessed by Jonathan Hopkins and Levi Rogers. It was acknowledged 11 April, 1786, before Solomon Freeman, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

PLYMOUTH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 9*)

[p. 25] The Children of Thomas Mayhew, & Mary Mayhew his Wife

Mary Mayhew, Born April 22nd 1742. Deceasd Febry 9th 1812

Thomas Mayhew, Born Septr 9 . 1744.

Anna Mayhew, Born Decr 11 . 1746. Died at L Island N York 1826

Elizabeth Mayhew Born Febry . 13 . 1748. Deceasd Decr 4 . 1756.

William Mayhew Born Novr 28 . 1751. Deceasd April . 2 . 1752

Sarah Mayhew, Born Janry 18 . 1753. Deceasd 1789

William Mayhew Born Augst 1 . 1755.

Betty Mayhew . Born March 5 . 1757.

Lucy Mayhew Born July 30 . 1760. deceased July 6 . 1766

The Children of Solomon Silvester, and Hannah Silvester his Wife

1 Hannah Silvester Born, April 13th 1759.

2. Elizabeth Silvester Born, Febry 8 . 1762.

3 Solomon Silvester Born July ye 5th 1764

4 George Silvester Born . June 25th 1766

5 Lucy Silvester Born Sept 4th 1768

The Children of Francis Polden & Catharine B. his Wife

1. Harriet Thomas born May 9th 1837.

The Children of George F. Lanman & Abby his Wife.

1 George Francis, born February 1835.

2. Samuel Ellis, born January . 1837.

[p. 26] The Children of John Russell, & Marcy Russell his Wife

1. John Russell Born July 8th 1758.

2. James Russell Born Jany ye 3d 1760 Deceasd Sept 28th 1792

3. Thomas Russell Born Octr 3 . 1761.

4. Mercy Russell Born June 18 1763. Decd September 24th 1802

5 Abigail Russell Born May 4th 1766 Deceasd

6 Nancey Russell Born May 24th 1767

Jane Russell

Nathaniel Russell

George Russell

The Children of John Russell & Mary his wife

1 John Russell born Aug: 13th 1786

2 Thomas Russell born July 19th 1788

3 Charles Russell born Aug: 24th 1790 Decd Nov: 2nd 1791
4 Mary Russell born Octr 5th 1792
5. Nancey Russell born July 2nd 1795 Deceasd Aug: 10th 1797
6. Charles Russell born Decr 11th 1798
7. James Russell born
The Child of Edward Lanman & Abiah his Wife
William Lanman Born Aprill ye 8th 1759
The Children of James Prince & Eunice his wife
1 Polley Prince . born April 11th 1784
2 Thomas Prince born Janry 17th 1786
3 Lydia Prince born Aug: 14th 1788
Child of Jesse Cunningham & Sarah his wife
Sarah Elizabeth born, February 21 . 1834
[p. 27] The Child of Samuel Dogget & Deborah his Wife
Deborah Dogget Born Augst 8th 1758
Children of America Rogers & Eliza his wife
1. William Rogers, born 1836 . February 14th
2. Lydia Holmes Rogers born December 21 . 1837.
The Children of Levi Drew, & Mary Drew, his Wife
1. Mary Drew Born, Novr 9 . 1756.
2. Joanna Drew Born June 11 . 1759. Deceased, Novr 9 . 1760.
3. Levi Drew Born, July 29 . 1761. Deceased September* 9 . 1762.
4. Lydia Drew Born August 3rd 1764
5 Levi Drew . born Decr 10th 1766
6 John Milk Drew Born March 21st 1769
Children of Winslow Drew and Abby his wife
1. Augusta Winslow born July 12 . 1833
2. Edward Winslow born July 7 . 1835
[p. 28] The Children of Joseph Trask, & Jerusha Trask, his Wife
1 Joseph Trask Born, Sept 27 1758.
2 Thomas Trask Born Febry 11 . 1760
3 Priscilla Trask Born October 27th 1761
4 William Trask Born Augst 2 : 1763
Children of David Cobb Holmes & Louisa his wife.
1. David Winsor, born Apl 11 . 1832
2. Andrew } Twins, born March 19 . 1833.
3. Albert }
4. Louisa born January 10 . 1835
5. Mary Smith, born Novr 3 . 1836
The Children of James Harlow & Jerusha his Wife
1. Nathaniel Harlow born Janry 12th 1759

*"December" was first written, but was crossed out and "September" written above it, in the same hand and ink.

2. Susanna Harlow* Born July 12th 1761
3. James Harlow, Born August . 5th . 1763.
4 Reubin Harlow born Augst 12th 1766
Children of Thomas Allen & Betsey his wife . viz
1. Thomas Jefferson Allen, born March 23d . 1839
[p. 29] The Children of Ebenezer Donham Junr, and Hannah Donham his Wife
1. Abigail Donham Born, August 10th 1757.
2. Ebenezer Donham Born, Janry 12 . 1759.
Children of Asa Thomas & [†] his wife viz:
Fanny Thomas was born March 26, 1819
Asa Thomas Jr. was born August . 25, 1820
Alanson Thomas was born Septr 21, 1822
Gamaliel Thomas was born . Augt 10, 1824
Eleazer Thomas was born July 5, 1827
Ezra Thomas was born August . 5, 1829.
The Child of Thomas . Churchell & Mary his Wife
Gamaliel Churchell Borne Augst 30th 1759
Children of George Augustus Drew & Ruby his wife
1. Georgianna Drew, born, May 17 . 1836
2. Charles Lee Drew, born, March 5 . 1839
Children of George Washburn & Priscilla his 2d Wife
1. George born Feby 28 . 1828
2. Priscilla D. Washburn born . Jany 28 . 1830
[p. 30] The Children of Peleg Faunce & Mary his Wife
1 Eleazer Faunce Born Decr 16th 1757
2 Peleg Faunce Born Decr 2nd 1759
3 Joseph Faunce Born April 4th 1763
4 Benjamin Faunce Born Augst 18th 1765
Children of George P. Fowler & Margarett his wife
1. Margarett Elizabeth . born November 11th . 1832
2. Harriet Frankson born October 19th . 1834
3. Sophia Hersey born Apl 26th . 1836 deceased March 26 . 1837.
4. Thomas Bartlett born Jany 11th . 1839.
The Children of Joshua Battles & Experience his Wife
1 Martha Battles borne May 15th 1758
2 Experience Battles borne Aug: 18th 1760
3. Joshua Battles, born July . 19th 1762.
4. Timothy Battles, Born Augst 6th 1764.

*"Holmes" was first written, but was crossed out and "Harlow" interlined, in the same hand and ink.

† A blank space was left for the name of the wife.

Children of Daniel J. Lewis & Sarah his wife.
1. James Augustus, born May 20th . 1833
2. Albert born May 19th . 1835
3. William born Mar: 6th . 1839

(*To be continued*)

PAINE NOTES

By the Editor

(*Continued from Vol. XV, p. 190*)

In this article we present an exhaustive abstract of all records, on the Barnstable County, Mass., Probate Records, relating to the estate of Samuel Paine[4] (*Mary Snow*[3], *Constance*[2] *Hopkins, Stephen*[1]) of Eastham, Mass., who died in that town on 13 October, 1712. Samuel Paine[4] married, on 31 January, 1682, at Eastham, Patience Freeman[4] (*Mercy Prence*[3], *Patience*[2] *Brewster, William*[1]), who survived her husband and was appointed administratrix. They had nine children, six sons and three daughters. Two of the sons died before their father, and one daughter died before her father's estate was settled, but the date of her death has not been found. [Mayflower Descendant, 6: 12, 13, and 9: 98.]

[Samuel Paine's Estate]

[3: 115] On 23 January, 1712/13, Nathaniel Freeman and Samuel Freeman took an inventory of the estate of "Samuel Paine yeoman Deceased apraised att Eastham". No real estate is included. The "apparel of a Daughter lately Deceased" was valued at £3. The total amount was £127, 3s., 6d.

On 27 January, 1712/13, "Patience Paine widow Relict of Sam[ll] Paine Late of Eastham now Decea[sd] and Adminestratrix to his Estate" made oath to the inventory.

[3: 114] On 27 January, 1712/13, "Patience Paine widow Relict of Samuel Paine Late of Eastham .... Decea[sd]" was appointed administratrix.

[4: 72] On 29 January, 1717, "Whereas Samuel Paine Late of .... Eastham .... yeoman Died Intestate In the year 1712" and administration "being then granted to Patience Paine widow Rel-

ect of Said Deceased .... and y^e^ Lands and Real Estate of the Deceased haveing been prized by three sufficient free holders .... and application being now made to me to settle said Estate, the Same is settled and ordered to be Divided and paid out as followeth, that is to say first their is Sett out her y^e^ Sd Patience Paine the widow Necessary bedding Utensells and implements of household, Necessary for the Upholding of Life to the Use of her and the family of the Deceased psuant to Law .... an acco^t^ thereof given her In writting .... amounting to" £21, 8s., 4d. "and then allowance was made for the Lose of Stock amounting unto" £12, 5s., "and allso of Debts paid out and other Charges ariseing .... being" £23, 19s., 11d., "and then the widows thirds taken out of the psonall Estate there yet remains" £46, 6s., 10d. "and the whole of the Real Estate apprized at" £280, "So y^t^ the Real & Psonall Estate to be divided besides the widows thirds of the Psonall Estate is" £326, 6s., 10d. "And there is allso Sett out unto the Sd Patience Paine the widow for her Dower the One third Part of all the Real Estate of y^e^ Decesed Dureing her Life, and then there remains to Eben^r^ Paine the Eldest son of the Deceased" £93, 5s., "and to Each of the Other Childeren of Sd Deceased, viz. Joshua Paine Isaac Paine Seth Paine Mercy Paine and Mary Paine" £46, 12s., 6d. "apeice which is to be paid as followeth, viz" £33, 5s., 9d., "apeice to be paid by the Administratrix to the five younger Children out of the Psonall Estate and out of that part which Eben^r^ Paine y^e^ Eldest son is to pay before his mothers Decease, and the remainder to be paid out of the money that Said Ebenezer Paine is to pay after y^e^ Decease of the Sd Patience Paine his Mother. And for as much as it is represented to me that the Divideing of the Real Estate of y^e^ Deceased will tend to the prejudce or Spoyling of the whole and he the said Ebenezer Paine the Eldest Son Desiereing to have the Same Settled upon him as the Law Directs: I Do therefore hereby order and settle all the houseing Lands and other the Real Estate of Sd Deceased lying within the Town of Eastham aforesd upon And to him the Said Ebenezer Paine .... he haveing Given bond for payment of the remaining part of the value of Sd Lands as they ware apprized Upon Oath more then his own Double portion of the whole Estate part to be paid before and the remainder after the Decease of his Sd Mother. She only Enjoying her third, thereof Dureing Life as aforesd." The settlement was decreed by John Otis, Judge of Probate.

LIEUTENANT JOHN TOMSON'S WILL

By the Editor

In our fourth volume, pages 22 to 29, were printed literal copies of the will and inventory and the agreement of the heirs of Lieut. John Tomson, of Middleborough, Mass., who married Mary[2] Cooke. (*Francis*[1]). When these copies were made by the Editor, the original will was missing from the probate files at Plymouth, Mass., and our transcripts were made from the records.

The original will has recently been returned to the probate registry, and we have reproduced it in the illustration facing page 49. The document is about seventeen inches high, and about twelve and one-fourth inches in width. At the bottom is attached the certificate of probate, bearing the autograph signatures of William[2] Bradford (*Gov. William*[1]), the Judge of Probate, and Samuel Sprague, the Register of Probate. This certificate, which is about seven inches high by seven and five-eighths inches wide, was folded back on the will, when taking the photograph, in order to show the Bradford and Sprague autographs without unduly reducing the width of the reproduction.

The will was dated 23 April, 1696, and probated 8 July, 1696. The will and the inventory are the only original documents relating to Lieut. John Tomson's estate now in the files.

John Tomson married Mary[2] Cooke (*Francis*[1]) at Plymouth, 26 December, 1645. He died at Middleborough, 16 June, 1696, in his eightieth year, and his death was entered twice on the Middleborough records. In both entries, which were printed in our second volume [pages 43 and 159], he was called "Lieut", and he was so styled in the inventory of his estate. He was buried in the Nemasket Cemetery, at Middleborough, and his gravestone was in excellent condition in 1910. It is inscribed as follows:

Memento Mori
In Memory of
Lieu[t] John Tomson
who Died June y[e] 16[th] 1696
In the 80[th] Year of his
Age.
Death is a debt to nature due
Which i have paid and so must you.

NOTES BY THE EDITOR

SIMMONS–SOULE. Proof that the first wife of John[2] Soule (*George*[1]) of Duxbury was Rebecca Simmons, eldest daughter of Moses Simmons of Duxbury, is found in the following deed of gift, recorded in the Plymouth Colony Records of Deeds, Volume IV, page 43.

"Moses Simons of Duxburrow .... yeoman .... in Consideration of a Marriage heertofore Consumated; between John Soule of Duxburrow aforsaid and my eldest Daughter Rebeckah; have Given .... and for ever quite Claimed .... unto the said John Soule .... all my Right .... of and into all my purchased Lands att Namaskett; and places adjacent Graunted by the Court of New Plymouth, unto the first Comers, wherof I the said Moses Simons ame one, as by the Records of the said Court; Doth and may more fully appeer;"

The deed was dated 30 December, 1674, and was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Nathaniel Southworth and his wife Desire Southworth[4] (*Mary Gray*[3], *Mary*[2] *Chilton, James*[1]).

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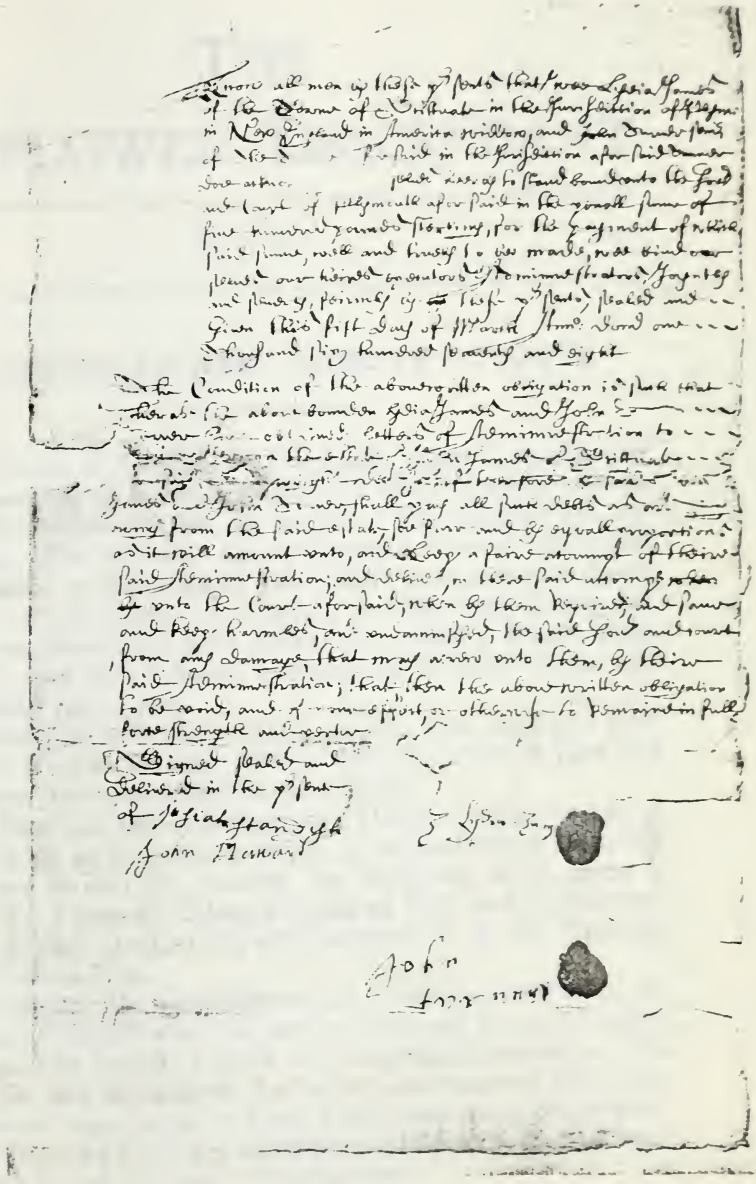

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THE ESTATE OF JOHN JAMES OF SCITUATE

By the Editor

John James of Scituate married Lydia Turner[4], daughter of John Turner, Sr., of Scituate, by his wife Mary[3] Brewster (*Jonathan*[2], *Elder William*[1]), but the record of the marriage has not been found. The Plymouth Colony Records, however, show that administration on the estate of John James was granted to Lydia "the relict of John James of Scittuate; and unto John Turner her father", and the will of John Turner, Sr., dated 4 March, 1695, [printed in our fifth volume] mentions his daughter Lydia and his grandson John James.

According to the Scituate, Mass., records, John the son of John James was born 10 January, 1676/7. No other child of John and Lydia James has been found on the records.

John James the father died before 5 March, 1678/9, the date of the bond given by the administrators. As he died before Plymouth Colony was divided into counties, the settlement of his estate is found in the Plymouth Colony Records of Wills and Inventories; but the original bond of the administrators is in the Plymouth County Probate Files.

This bond of the administrators is of especial interest to descendants of John Turner, Sr., and of John and Lydia (Turner) James, not only because it bears the autograph signatures of John Turner, Sr., and his daughter Lydia, but also because it shows that John Turner was a tanner and that John James was a shipwright.

The bond bears also the autograph signature of Lieut. Josiah[2] Standish (*Myles*[1]), as one of the witnesses.

We here print a complete copy of the bond of the administrators (which was not recorded) and exhaustive abstracts of all records, on the Plymouth Colony Court Orders and Plymouth Colony Wills and Inventories, relating to the estate of John James.

These abstracts, and the accompanying illustration, showing the bond, have been prepared at the expense of a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mrs. George H. Woodman, of Boston, who is a descendant of Lydia (Turner) James by her second husband William Barrell.

[Bond of Lydia James and John Turner, Sr.]

[From original document] Know all men by these p[r]sents that wee Lydia James of the Towne of Scittuate in the Jurisdiction of Plym: in New England in America widdow, and John Turner seni[r] of The Towne aforsaid in the Jurisdiction aforsaid Tanner Doe acknowlidge our selves heerby to stand bound unto the Gov[r] and Court of Plymouth aforsaid in the penall sume of five hundred pounds sterling, for the payment of which said sume, well and truely to bee made, wee bind our selves our heires executors & Adminnestrators, Joyntly and severly, feirmly by [*by**] these p[r]sents, sealed and Given this fift Day of March Ann[o]: Dom one Thousand six hundred seaventy and eight

The Condition of the abovewritten obligation is such that wheras the above bounden Lydia James and John T[urner T]urner† have obtained Letters of Adminnestration to [A]dminnester on the estate of John James of Scittuate [a]forsaid S[hi]pwright Dec[ea]sed, if therfore the said Lydia James and John Turner, shall pay such Debts as are [owin]g owing from the said estate, soe farr and by equall proportions as it will amount unto, and Keep a faire acoumpt of theire said Adminnestration; and Delive[r], in there said accompt [*when by**] unto the Court aforsaid, when by them Required; and save and keep harmles, and undamnifyed, the said Gov[r] and court, from any Damage, that may acrew unto them; by theire said Adminnestration; that; then the above written obligation to be void; and of none effect, or otherwise to Remaine in full force strength and vertue

Signed sealed and Lydia Jams (seal)
Delivered in the p[r]sence John turnner (seal)
of Josiah Standish
John Haward

* Crossed out in the original.

† "Turner" was written twice, by mistake of the person who wrote the bond.

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January 16 : 1738/9 then capt Edward Bangs of Harwich & Ruth mayo of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

December 8 : 1738 Samuel Cole & Dorkis young both of Eastham ware married by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

Dorkis Cole Daughter of Samuel Cole was born the 25 of october 1740

Hannah cole Daughter of Samuel cole was born the 13 day of January 1742/3

April 13 : 1739 then Joseph Rogers & Sarah harding ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

[p. 130] Tamson Doane Daughter of Joshua Doane & Mary Doane was born in Eastham the 16 day of September 1738

Margret Cole Daughter of Isaac Cole was born November 10th 1738

Anne Cole Daughter of Isaac Cole was born 3 of Desembar : 1740

Apphia Cole Daughter of Isaac cole was born the 16th day of february 1742/3

Susana Cole Daughter of Isaac and anne Cole was born ye 5th day of march 1744/5

Hannah cole daughter of Isaac and anne Cole was born at Eastham on the 21th day of June 1747

Isaac Cole the sun of Isaac Cole and anne Cole was Born at Eastham on the 21 of novembar 1749 and Died January 1750

Jesse Brown Son of Jesse Brown was born the first day of November 1738

Elisabath Cole Dafter of Isaac and Anne Cole was Born in Eastham march 15 : 1751

Timothy Cole the sun of Isaac and Anne Cole was Born in Eastham August : 6 : 1753 and Died novembar 10 Day 1755

martha Cole Daughter of Isaac and Anne Cole was Born in Eastham october the 1 Day 1757

April 19 : 1738 Jabiz Sparrow & mary young ware married In Eastham by Nathaniel Freeman Justice Peace.

Sarah Sparrow Daughter of Jabes and mary Sparrow was born at Eastham September ye 14th 1740

mary Sparrow Daughter of Jabez and mary Sparrow was born at Eastham march ye 13th 1743

Tohomas Sparrow Son of Jabez and mary Sparrow was born at Eastham December ye 3d 1745

Elizabeth Gross Daughter of Hinks Gross born the 28 of october 1735

Elis Gross Daughter of Hinks Gross born the 28 day of november 1737

John ward Son of Joseph and mary ward was born in Eastham march 18 : 1750

william word Son of Joseph and mary ward was born in Eastham January 16 . 1752

David ward Son of Joseph and mary ward was born in Eastham June 1 day 1754

Elisha ward Son of Joseph and mary ward was born in Eastham october 29 : 1756

Ezekiel ward Son of Joseph and mary ward was born in Eastham June 22 day 1759

Daniel ward Son of Joseph and mary ward was born in Eastham Sep^{t} 21 : 1761

[p. 131] June 28th 1739 then M^{r} Thomas Atkins of chatham & M^{rs} Hope Snow of Eastham ware married In Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace*

January 21 : 1733/4 then Abigel Snow Daughter of Samuel Snow was born

October 12 : 1735 then Samuel Snow Son of Samuel Snow was born

May the 8th 1737 then Mercy Snow Daughter of Samuel Snow was born

May 19 : 1739 then Treat Snow Son of Samuel Snow was born

march 5 Day 1761 then John Davis and hannah Twinin both of harwich ware married by John freeman Jestice peace Entred by me Edwd Knowles Town Cr

the marriages below not given into the clark last april by Reason thay ware brough in since

September 7th 1738 William Graham of Boston & ann hamlen of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by M^{r} Isaiah Leues Clark†

September 14th 1738 Benjamin Bullard & hannah nucomb both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by m^{r} Isaiah Leues Clark†

September 28 : 1738 Ruben Rich & Martha Smith both of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by M^{r} Isayah Leues Clark†

August : y^{e} : 5 : 1739 then thankful rich Dafter of ruben rich and marther was borne

June : y^{e} 5 : 1742 then mather rich the Dafter of ruben rich was born

mary rich the Daufter of ruben rich was born nombr 29 : 1743

Abagill rich Dafter of ruben rich born Aprel 23 : 1745

* See duplicate record on original page 132.

† A clergyman was, at that time, called "clerk", pronounced "clark".

ruben rich sun of ruben rich born August 23 : 1748
Ruth Rich Dafter of ruben and ruth rich was Born in Eastham novem 11 : 1750
Elisha rich the sun of ruben and ruth rich was Born in Eastham January 27 : 1753
Isaac rich the sun of ruben and ruth rich was Born in Eastham Aprel 17 : 1755
[p. 132] March 1 . 1738/9 Daniel Mayo jun^{r} & Martha Holbrook both of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by M^{r} Isaiah Leues clark*
March 16th 1738/9 Joseph Newcomb of Eastham & Mary Eldrege of Truro or rather of Eastham ware married in Eastham m^{r} by Isaiah Leues clark*
april 12th 1739 Joseph Doane, third, & Dorcas Eldrege both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by M^{r} Isaiah Lues clark*
June 28th 1739 Abiezor Holebrook & Hannah Treat both of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by Isaiah M^{r} Leues clark*
June 28 : 1739 then M^{r} Thomas atkins of chatham & Hope Snow ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace†
[p. 133] November 29th 1739 then M^{r} Joseph Paddock of yarmouth & M^{rs} Elizabeth Mayo of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace
february the 11th 1739/40 then Joshua Doane jun^{r} & Bettee Meyrick both of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by Nathaniel Freeman Justice Peace.
September 20th 1739 then John Whitney of Harwich & Jerusha Knowls of Eastham ware married in Eastham by M^{r} Joseph crocker an ordained Minester in Eastham
November 20 : 1760 then David Ralph and Jedidah Cowet Both of harwich ware married by John freeman Justice peace Entred by me Edward Knowles Town Cler
January 9th 1739/40 then Daniel Freeman of Harwich & Mercy Freeman of Eastham ware Married In Eastham by M^{r} Joseph Crocker an ordained Minester in Eastham
January 10th 1739/40 then Nathaniel Knowls & Mercy freeman ware maried in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace
December 17 : 1740 then Nathaniel Knowls Son of Nathaniel Knowls & Mercy Knowls was born in Eastham
January 11th 1739/40 then James Mitchel & Hannah Higgins both of Eastham ware married In Eastham by M^{r} Joseph Crocker an ordained Minester In Eastham.

* A clergyman was, at that time, called "clerk", pronounced "clark".

† See duplicate record on original page 131.

february 7th 1739/40 then Benjamin jur Higgins & Hannah Higgins both of Eastham ware ware married In Eastham by Mr Joseph Crocker an ordained minester in Eastham

[p. 134] february 21 . 1739/40 then Solomon Smith & Susannah Snow both of Eastham ware both married In Eastham by Mr Joseph Crocker an ordained minester in Eastham

Sollomon Smith Son of Solomon Smith was born in Eastham the third day of november 1741

The above marriages all above Copyed for the County clark

October 22 : 1732 then Nathan Snow Son of Benjamin Snow junr & martha Snow was born

Ruth Snow Daughter of Benjamin Snow junr was born 25th day of may 1724

Martha Snow Daughter of Benjamin Snow junr was born the 19th day of may 1726

Keziah Snow Daughter of Benjamin Snow junr was born about the midle of may 1724*

the above acount taken from their mother the 19th of may 1740

Joseph Cole Jr and mary younge was marriade in Eastham by mr Samuel osban Desembar 2 : 1736

James cole Son of Joseph Cole junr was born the 19 day of September 1737

Mary Cole Daughter of Joseph Cole Junr† was born the 12th day of February 1739/40

Phebee cole Daughter of Joseph Cole junr was born the 14th of november 1741

Kezia Cole Daughter of Joseph Jur and Mary Cole was born at Eastham on the 24th of march 1747

thankful Cole the Dafter of Joseph Cole Jr and mary Cole was Born in Eastham January : ye : 10 : 1750

Rebaca Cole the Dafter of Joseph and mary Cole was Born in Eastham July 30 : 1754

[p. 135] Elizabeth Thatcher Daughter of Thomas & Serah Thatcher was born at Billinsget in Eastham in the County of Barnstable In the Province of the Masachusetts Bay In Newengland May the 24th 1725 Recorded in Eastham Town Book of Records of Marriages & births by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

November 13th 1740 then John Sparrow junr & Anne Atwood both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

* Sic.

† "the third" was first written, but was crossed out, and "Junr" interlined in the same hand.

Thankfull Sparrow Daughter of John Sparrow jun^{r} was born January 2nd 1743/4

Lamuel Smith Son of Samuel Smith jun^{r} was born the 28 of September 1737

Sarah Smith Daughter of Samuel Smith jun^{r} was born the 23 day of october 1740

Lamuel Smith Son of Samuel Smith jun^{r} was born the 7th day of october 1742

Stephen Smith Son of Samuel Smith jun^{r} was born the 28th of September 1744

Ruben Smith Son of Samuel and Sarah Smith was born at Eastham on the 9th day of march 1746/7

april the 17th 1716 then Bathshua Smith Daughter of Joseph Smith & mary Smith was born and She s^{d} Bashshua Died april 19 1722

October the fourth 1718 Mary Smith Daughter of Joseph & mary Smith was born

august 8th 1724 Bathshua Smith Daughter of Joseph & mary Smith was born

December the 21 : 1729 Samuel Smith Son of Joseph & Mary Smith was born

July 28 : 1732 then Huldah Smith Daughter of Joseph & Mary Smith was born

July 23 : 1739 then Rebecka Smith Daughter of Joseph Smith was born

Joseph Smith Son of Joseph and Rebecka Smith was born at Eastham the 17th day of october 1743

April the 17th 1741 then M^{r} Isaack Beaker & Lidea Hopkins bobth of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace.

September 27th 1739 then Stephen Cash of Truro & Anne Brown of Eastham ware married by M^{r} Isaiah Lewes Minester in Eastham

December 13th 1739 : then Elisha Cole jun^{r} & Prissila Smally both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by m^{r} Isaiah Lewes Minester

april 22 : 1740 then Joseph harding & Eunice newcomb both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by m^{r} Isaiah Lewes Minester look in pd 136

June 13th 1740 then John young & Jerusha Cole both of Eastham ware maried in Eastham by M^{r} Isaiah Lewes minester

(*To be continued*)

PLYMOUTH COLONY RECORDS OF DEEDS

(*Continued from page 65*)

[Resolved White to William Wills*]

[p. 3] On 17 March, 1662, "Resolved White of Scittuate.... in america plantor", for £26, 10s., sold to "Willam Wills of Scittuate aforsaid plantor .... all that peece and pte of orchyard conteining two rowes and halfe way the next row of trees in breadth att the east end of the orchyard that formerly was m[r] W[illam] Vassalls; and alsoe one peece of land enclosed on the south and east with railes and abuteth on the said graunted orchyard one the west and on the cornfeild that n[ow] is in the posession of John Cushen on the north containing two acrees and an halfe more or lesse; with a garden formerly enclosed on the south side of the said feild; as a[lso] one other peece of land as it lyeth between the said feild and garden towards the north and the mersh that sometimes was M[r] Willam Vassalls towards the south and abuteth on the lands that formerly was M[r] Vassalls towards the west by a st[raight] line from the said rowes of trees as is before mentioned towards the mersh southwar[d] and abuteth on the land which M[r] Willam Vassall bought of Samuell Fuller on the [*worn*] and alsoe all that upland which lyeth on the east side of that peece of enclosed land befo[re] mentioned on the east side of the railes containing one rodd and an halfe in breadth all the length of the said railes with all the houses and edifices therupon builded wh[ich] lands were pte of the lands of m[r] Willam Vassalls called bellhouse lands; and were given to mee Resolved White as appeers by a Deed of gift, bearing Date" 24 October, 1646, "alsoe all that upland which M[r] Willam Vassall bought or exchanged with Samuell Fuller aforsaid abuti[n]g abuting upon the forementioned graunted land on the west; and the mersh tha[t] was the said Willam Vassalls on the south and east and on the land that somti[me] was the land of Samuell Fullers on the north except and alwaies reserved of this sale unto m[r] Willam Vassall his heires and assignes for ever a good and sufficient way in the most convenientest throwout the afore mentioned bounded lands from the west to the east to fech and Drive Cattle Cart and Cary all man-[ner] of Carriages from the house and other the lands that was the

* Complete description printed.

house and lands [of] the said Willam Vassall unto and from the mershes that were the said Willam[s] lying on the east side of the said lands alsoe another pcell of upland being t[he] one halfe of an Iland called beare Iland .... in Scittuate aforsaid being the southerly pte or halfe of the Iland being Devided from the Northerly halfe of the said Iland by a straight line crose the middle of the said Iland from we[st] to east .... and the said Resolved White Doth .... graunt unto the said Willam Wills .... libertie of Ingresse egresse and regres[se] of passages from the house and lands heerby sould unto Willam Wills; and wh[ich] was formerly given .... by my father in law m[r] Willam Vassall unto me the said Resolved unto the Dwelling house that was M[r] Vassalls Called Belhouse by and through all the waies leading from the said house and lands unto belhous[e] and soe from thence through the lands that formerly were Willam Vassalls by and through all waies and passages comonly used and to bee used unto the highwaies beyond the said lands; and hee the said Willam Wills his hei[res] [p. 4] heires and assignes and every of them to cart and carry all manor of Carriages ride Drive and lead all manor of Cattle as oft as they or either of them shall please; which privilidge was given and graunted by my fatherinlaw M[r] Willam Vassell unto mee .... as appeers by a Deed of gift formerly expressed;"

James Torrey, Sr., and John Buck witnessed the deed, and "posession livery and season of the house and land within specifyed" was given in their presence, on the date of the deed.

On 25 September, 1663, "Judith the wife of Resolved White Did acknowlidge the sale abovementioned and Did resigne up her whole right and Interest in what is therin mentioned; before mee; Josias Winslow Asistant;"

[Francis Sprague to Son John Sprague*]

On 3 May, 1664, "Francis Sprague of the Towne of Duxburrow .... plantor" gave "and confeirmed .... unto his son John Sprague all that his pte portion and share of land and meddow; hee hath att or neer Namasakett .... which was graunted to him and others .... as appeers by the record of Court" dated 3 June, 1662.

The deed was acknowledged before Thomas Prence, Governor, 3 May, 1664, and ordered by the Court to be recorded.

(To be continued)

* Complete description printed.

PLYMOUTH COLONY VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 71*)

To the honored Court holden att Plymouth March 1671 : or 72
heer followeth the beirthes Marriages and burialls that were brought to mee the yeer past; according to order of Court by the Inhabitants of Taunton

Imp^rs^ Mehittable Dean Daughter of John Dean borne the 9^th^ of October 1671

John Austine the son of Jonah Austin was borne the first of July 1671

Hannah Leanard the Daughter of James Leanard was borne att Braintrey the 2^cond^ of October 1671

Ruth Bobbitt the Daughter of Edward Bobbitt was borne the 7^th^ of August 1671

Richard Willams the son of Joseph Williams was borne the 26^th^ of Novem 1671

Thomas Armsbee the son of Thomas Armsbee was borne the 23 of february 1668

Mary Armsbee the Daughter of Thomas Armsbee was borne the 3^th^ of October 1671*

Abigaill Tisdall the Daughter of John Tisdall was borne the 15^th^ of July 1667

John Tisdall the son of John Tisdall borne the 10^th^ of August 1669

Willam Hacke the son of Willam Hacke was borne the 15^th^ of November 1663

Richard Stevens the son of Richard Stevens was borne the 23 of february 1669

John Dean the son of John Dean Died the sixt of August 1670

John Tisdall Junir Marryed To Hannah Rogers of Duxburrow the 23 of November 1664

Taunton the 3^th^ of March 71 :72 p^r^ me Shadrach Wilbore Clarke

[p. 58] The first of March 1674
To the honored Court; heer followeth the Marriages beirthes and burialls of all those that were brought to mee but many Neglect to bringe in their Names to mee

*"23 febrary 1668" was first written; but it was crossed out and the entry, as printed, completed in the same hand and ink.

John Pollard married to Mary Leanard of Bridgwater the 24th of December 1673

Mary Wilbore the Daughter of Shadrach Wilbore Died the 19th of January 1674

Nicholas Staughton Married to Elizabeth Knapp the 17 of February 1673

Martha Bundey the wife of John Bundey Died the first of May 1674

Sarah Hall the Daughter of Samuell Hall borne the 14th of October 1674

Hopestill Shove the wife of mr Gorge Shove Died the 7th of March 1673 or 74

Dorcas Bobbitt the Daughter of Edward Bobbitt Died the 9th of Aprill 1674

Joseph Bell the son of James Bell was borne the 27th of June 1670

Easter Bell the Daughter of James Bell borne the 15th of August 1672

Amy* Staples the Daughter of Joseph Staples borne the 13th of Aprill 1674

Thomas Stevens the son of Richard Stevens borne the 3th of February† 1674

Abigaill Paule the Daughter of Willam Paule borne the 15th of May 1673

James Walker Junir : Married to Barsheba‡ the 23 of December 1647§

Hannah Lenard the son‖ of James Leanard Died the 25th of february 1674

Attest by mee Shadrach Wilbore Clarke

Taunton the first of March 1674

To the honered Court holden att Plymouth the first Tusday in March 1670 allies 71

Wheras it is ordered by the Court that the Clarkes or Register keepers of every Towne shall exhibite a true and pfect Coppy fairely written yeerly att March Court unto the Court of all the Marriages beirthes and burialls of the yeer past according

* Not "Amey", as printed in the eighth volume of "Records of the Colony of New Plymouth", published in 1857. See also "Mayflower Descendant", Vol. XV, p. 25.

† "13th of Aprill" was first written, but it was crossed out and the entry, as printed, completed in the same hand and ink.

‡ The surname was accidentally omitted.

§ Sic. Probably an error for "1674".

‖ Sic.

to that trust put upon mee and may bee expected from mee, Doe p[r]sent to the honored Court a true Coppy of all the Marriages beirthes and burialls Recored in the yeer 1670:

Prence Freeman the son of M[r] John Freeman was Borne the 3[d] Day of february in the 1665

Nathaniell Freeman the son of M[r] John Freeman, was borne the 20[th] Day of March in the yeer 1669

Symon Crosbey the son of M[r] Thomas Crosbey was borne the fift Day of July in the yeer 1665

Sarah Crosbey the Daughter of M[r] Thomas Crosbey was borne the 24[th] Day of March in the yeer 1667

Joseph Crosbey the son of m[r] Thomas Crosbey was borne the 27[th] Day of January; 1668:

M[r] Thomas Crosby had 2 Children which were borne att a beirth the 4[th] Day of December in the yeer 1665

The said Children viz: the 2 last Intimated of m[r] Crosbeyes Children; the one of them Deceased the 10[th] Day of [*] 1670 And the other is Named John

[p. 59] Jonathan Banges and Mary Mayo were Marryed the 16[th] Day of July 1664

Edward Banges the son of Jonathan Banges was borne the last Day of September 1665

Rebeckah Banges the Daughter of Jonathan Banges was borne the first Day of february 1667

Jonathan Banges the son of Jonathan Banges was borne the eleventh of May 1670

Jonath Banges the son of Jonathan Banges Deceased the 11[th] of May 1670

William Merricke and Abigaill Hopkins were Married the 23 Day of May 1667

Rebeckah Merricke the Daughter of William Merricke was borne the 28[th] Day of November 1668

William Merricke the son of William Merricke was borne the first Day of August 1670

John Cole and Ruth Snow were Married the 10[th] of December 1666

Ruth Cole the Daughter of John Cole was borne the eleventh Day of March $16\frac{67}{68}$

John Cole the son of John Cole was borne the sixt Day of March 1669;70,

Constant Done the son of Daniell Done was borne the 7[th] Day of March 1669:70

* "February" appears to have been altered to "January".

Ephraim Done and Mercye Knowles were Married the 5th of february 1667
Patience Done the Daughter of Ephraim Done was borne the 28th of January 1668
Apphiah Done the Daughter of Ephraim Done was borne the 28th of July 1670
John Smith and Hannah Williams were Married the 24th of May 1670
Elizabeth Smith the Daughter of John Smith was borne the 24th of february 1668
John Knowles and Apphiah Banges were Married the 28th of December 1670
Steven Merricke and Mercy Banges were Marred the 28th of December 1670
from Eastham the 4th Day of March 1670 — pr me Marke Snow Towne Clark

Jonathan Sparrow the son of Jonathan Sparrow was borne the 9th of July 1665
Richard Sparrow the son of Jonathan Sparrow was borne the 17th of March: 1669–70
Apphiah Freeman the Daughter of Samuell Freeman was borne the first of January 1666
Constant Freeman the son of Samuell Freeman [wa]s borne the Last Day of March; 1669
[p. 60] Joseph Higgens the son of Jonathan Higgens was borne the 14th Day of February in the yeer 1666
Nathaniell Mayo the son of John Mayo was borne the second Day of Aprill 1667
Thomas Mayo the son of John Mayo was borne the 24th of June 1670
Isacke Done the son of John Done was borne the second of June 1670
Mary Smith the Daughter of Samuell Smith was borne the 3th Day of January 1669*
Joshua Higgens the son of Benjamine Higgens was borne the first Day of October 1668
Lydia Higgens the Daughter of Benjamine Higgens was borne the latter end of May 1670
Josiah Cooke the son of Josiah Cooke was borne the 12th of November 1670

* "1639" was first written, but it was changed to "1669" in the same ink.

Thomas Snow the son of Marke Snow was borne the 6th of August 1668

Steven Hopkins and Mary Merricke were Marryed; the 23 Day of May 1667

Elizabeth Hopkins the Daughter of Steven Hopkins was borne the last week of June 1668

Steven Hopkins the son of Steven Hopkins was borne the 15th Day of July 1670

James Rogers and Mary Paine were Married the 11th of January 1670

Joshuah Banges and Hannah Scudder were Married the first Day of December 1669

Pr Marke Snow Towne Clarke of Eastham

(*To be continued*)

THE WILLS OF JOHN SOUTHWORTH OF DUXBURY AND HIS SISTER PRISCILLA SOUTHWORTH

By the Editor

The will of Edward Southworth, of Duxbury, Mass., who married Mary Pabodie[3] (*Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]) mentions seven children: four sons, Thomas Southworth, Constant Southworth, Benjamin Southworth, John Southworth; two married daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Weston, and Mercy, wife of Moses[3] Soule (*John*[2], *George*[1]); and one unmarried daughter, Priscilla Southworth. This will was printed in our eighteenth volume.

The son John Southworth and the daughter Priscilla Southworth, both of Duxbury, died without issue, and their wills are of great assistance in determining the descendants of Edward and Mary (Pabodie) Southworth.

In studying these wills, it is necessary to remember that the word "cousin", at that period, was frequently applied to children or grandchildren of brothers or sisters of a testator; and it is so used in Priscilla Southworth's will.

John Southworth's will, made in 1750/1, mentions relatives as follows: his sister Priscilla Southworth; Rebecca Southworth, widow of his brother Constant; a niece (Constant's daughter), Mary, wife of Thomas Weston; a nephew (Constant's son),

William Southworth, and William's children Reumah and Edward Southworth.

Priscilla Southworth's will, made in 1761, mentions relatives as follows:

Her brother John Southworth (deceased).

Her nephew* William Southworth (son of her deceased brother Constant), his wife Mary,* and their children, two of whom, Reumah and Alice, are mentioned by name.

Three nieces* (daughters of her deceased sister Mercy, who married Moses[3] Soule): Ruth[4] Soule; Deborah[4] (Soule) Hunt, wife of John; Alice[4] (Soule) (Perry) King,† widow of Barnabas Perry and wife of Edward King.

Her niece* (daughter of her deceased sister Elizabeth, who married Samuel Weston) Mary Weston.

Two nieces* (daughters of her deceased brother Constant): Mercy (Southworth) Soule, wife of Micah[4]; Mary (Southworth) Weston, wife of Thomas.

Three nieces* (daughters of her deceased brother Benjamin): Hannah (Southworth) Herrington, widow of Hezekiah; Elizabeth Southworth; Deborah (Southworth) Delano, wife of Reuben.

Exhaustive abstracts of all records and original documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estates of John and Priscilla Southworth are here presented, the proper reference being given with each abstract.

[John Southworth's Will]

[12:321] On 15 February, 1750, "John Southworth of Duxborough.... Gentleman" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Sister Prisalah Southworth a Convenent fire Roume in my Dwelling House and a Sufficeancy of Fire Wood in the Woods for one Fire and the pastering of one Cow During the Time of her Natural Life and Forther one Thurd of my movable Estate after my Debts and Funeral Charges are paid out of the Same:"

To "Sistor in Law Rebeckah Southworth the one Roome of my Dwelling House to Improve her Life Time:"

* Called cousin, in the will.

† The Southworth Genealogy, p. 39, errs in calling this niece "Elizabeth", and does not mention the second marriage, to Edward King.

To "my Kinswoman mary Weston the Wife of Thomas Weston three or four acres of Land that I Bought of Bezalel Alden of Duxborough ajacent to a peace of Land [p. 322] Land that I Sold To the Said Mary and Forther the Remaindor of the Lot that I Sold to the Said mary Weston When I Sold it her name was Mary Southworth the Remaindor of the Lot I Say Excepting three acres at the Easterly Side of the Same"

To "Reumah Southworth Daughter of William Southworth one third part of my movable Estate after my Debts are paid out of the Same"

To "Edward Southworth son to Will^{m} Southworth all my Wearing Cloathes"

To "William Southworth the son of Constant Southworth of Duxborough Deceased all my Lands and meadows housing in Duxborough During the Terme of his Natural Life and forther one third of my movables after my Debts are paid out of the Same"

To "Edward Southworth hereinbefore Named all the Lands and Meaddows at his Fathers Decease that I have herin given to his father William Southworth"

"my Will is that William Southworth herein Before named be the Sole Executor"

The witnesses were William Thomas, Thomas Hunt, Jr., and Jonathan Peterson.

The will was probated 2 September, 1751, on the testimony of the three witnesses, and administration was granted to "William Southworth of Duxborough aforesaid Executor"

[12: 412] On 25 September, 1751, Gamaliel Bradford, Joshua Soule and Jonathan Peterson took the inventory, at Duxbury. The total amount was £853, 8s., 8d. The real estate, which was not itemized, was valued at £716, 13s., 4d. Joshua Soule and Jonathan Peterson made oath to the inventory, 16 November, 1751, and "Gamaliel Bradford Esq^{r}" made oath to it, 18 December, 1751, all before Edward Winslow, Justice of the Peace.

[13: 346] On 2 September, 1754, William Southworth, executor, presented an account, which was allowed. Payments had been made, in 1752, to: Jesse Thomas; Israel Silvester; Elizabeth H*; Jesse Delano; Thomas Prince; Joshua Soul; William Thomas; Hannah H*; Samuel Baker; Widdow Sarah Hewett; Nathan Soul; Perez Drew; John Hunt; Benjamin Prior; Thomas Weston; John Thomas; Barnabas Briggs; Hezekiah Delano; David Samson; David Samson, Jr.; Abisha Soul; Jethro Sprague; "Jdath" Delano; "Warren & Goodwin for Funeral Gloves".

* The names were not completed.

The estate was still indebted to: John Thomas; Abisha Soul; Josiah Soul; Nicholas Sever, Esq.; Isaac Soul; Barnabas Briggs; James Thomas; the Town of Duxbury; Widow Hannah Southworth; Joshua Loring; Priscilla Southworth, £16, lawfull money; John Chandler, Jr.; Doctor Eleazer Harlow; William Coomer.

The probate files now contain no original papers relating to this estate.

[Priscilla Southworth's Will]

[From original will] "Priscilla Southworth of Duxborough .... Spinster" made her will 5 June, 1761. Bequests were as follows.

To "my Cuson william Southworth a Note that I had of my brother John Southworth for sixteen pounds & to the S^{d} william Southworth Children all Equaly my Cow amongst them"

To "Ruma Southworth my White fan"

To "Alice Southworth Daughter to william Southworth an Infant Whome I named Eight Shilings Lawfull money"

To "my four Cussons viz Ruth Soul & Deborah Hunt wife to John Hunt Alice King wife to Edward King & Mary Weston two thirds of all my Estate After my Debts & funeral Charges are paid out of the Same that Is two third of all that Is not herein before Given away to be Equaly divided amongs them"

"I Give & bequeath the Remaining third of my Estate to be Equaly Divided between my Six Cusons viz Marcy Soul wife Micah Soul Mary Weston Wife to Tho^{s} weston Mary Southworth wife to william Southworth Hannah Herenton wido Elizibeth Southworth Deborah Delano wife to Reuben Delano"

"my Will Is that Elnathan Weston be Sole Executor"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were William Simmons, "anna Simmons" and "Jon^{a} Peterson". [The will was also recorded, 16: 204.]

[From original letter] On 3 August, 1761, the will of "Priscilla Southworth late of Duxborough .... Spinster deceased" was probated, on the testimony of William Simmons and Jonathan Peterson, and administration granted to Elnathan Weston, by John Cushing, Judge of Probate. [The letter was also recorded, 16: 205.]

HARWICH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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[p. 217] Sarah Snow Daughter to Aaron Snow and hannah Snow his wife was Born in may the 8 day 1733

Ebenezer Snow Son to Aaron and hannah Snow was born in January the 5 day 1734/5

Phebe Snow Daughter to Aaron and hanah Snow was born in January 2 day 1735/6

Allen Bangs Son to Docter Jonathan Bangs and his wife phebe Bangs was Born in march 23 day 1733/4

martha Snow Daughter to Joseph Snow and mary Snow his wife was Born in march the 27 day 1739

Joseph Snow Son to Joseph and mary Snow was born in September the 27 day 1740

Isaac Snow Son to Joseph and mary Snow was born in December 21 day 1741

Nathan Snow Sone to Joseph & Mary Snow his wife born Nov^{r} 11th AD 1743

Mary Snow Daughter to Joseph & Mary his Wife born April 24th A D 1745

Hannah Snow Daughter to Joseph & Mary Snow his Wife born July y^{e} 3^{d} A Dom 1746

Desire Snow Daughter of Joseph & Mary Snow born Sep^{t} 7th 1748

Sarah Snow Daughter of Joseph Snow & Mary his wfe born Augst 10th 1750

Mercy Snow of Joseph & Mary Snow born Augst 26th 1752

[p. 218] John Duncain Son to docter John Duncain and his wife Keziah Duncain was born April 18 : 1735

march the 11 day 1737 Then Seth Winslow and priscilla Freeman had this their intention of marriage entered in this book

December 12 day 1737 Then pashalor Collins of Eastham and Jane maker of harwich had their intention of marriage entered here in this book

December the 24 day 1737 Then Benjamin myrick juner and hannah Chase both of harwich had their intention of marriage entered in this book

January 13 day 1737/8 Then William Long ju^{r} and Sarah Cohoon both of harwich entered there intention of marriage Each to other

Isaac Sears Son to Joseph Sears and Ruth Sears his wife was born in October the 28 day 1734 on munday

Lida Freeman Daughter to Wiliam Freeman ju^{r} and hannah Freeman his wife was born Sep^{t} 23 day 1737

[p. 223] Edward Stone Son to heman Stone and temperance Stone his wife was born in July the 6 day 1728 and died July 22 : 1728

mehitable Stone Daughter to heman and Temperance Stone was born in June the 23 day 1729 and deceased in July 17 day 1729

mehitable Stone Daughter to heman and Temperance Stone was born in January the 17 day 1730/31

Edward Stone Son to heman and Temperance Stone was born in november the 1 day 1732 and died march 4 day 1733/4

Temperance Stone Daughter to heman and Temperance Stone was born in february 15 day 1733/4

Keziah Stone Daughter to heman and Temperance Stone was borm in September the 25 day 1736

Edward Stone Son to Heman and Temperance Stone was Born in August the 5 day 1738

Reliance Stone Daughter to Heman and Temperance Stone was Born in october the 25 day 1740

desire Dillingham Daughter to John Dillingham ju^{r} and mehitable Dillingham was born in November the 30 day 1729

Susannah Dillingham Daughter to John and mehitable Dillingham was born in february the 23 day 1731/2

Rhoda Dillingham Daughter to John and mehitable Dillingham was born in July the 15 day 1735

mehitable Dillingham Daughter to John and mehitable Dillingham was born in January the 18 day 1738/9

John dillingham Sone of John Dillingham & [*] his wife born Nov^{r} 8th 1752

[p. 224] April the Second day 1735 then Elishua Baker of yarmouth and marcy Cahoon of Harwich ware married in Harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

June the 5th 1735 Then Shubel Lues of Barnstable and mary Snow of Harwich ware married in Harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

August 21 day 1735 Then Benjamin philips ju^{r} and Meraah Broadbrooks ware married in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

october 16 day 1735 Then Samuell Knowls Son of Cap^{t} Samuell Knowls of Eastham and hannah Freeman of harwich ware married in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

* A space was left for the wife's name.

march 5 day 1735/6 Then Iseral nickerson of yarmouth and hannah Smalle of Harwich ware married in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

march 25 day 1735 then Elishua Cob of plymouth and Priscilla myrick of harwich ware married in harwich by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

June the 19 day 1735 then David Crosby and Reliance hopkins both of harwich ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

September 26 day 1735 then Thomas pope of Sandwich and Thankfull Dilingham of harwich ware married in harwich by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

october the 20 day 1735 Then Elezer Crosby ju^{r} and Lidea godfree both of harwich ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

January the 15 day 1735/6 Then Seth Winslow and thankfull Sears both of harwich ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

February 26 day 1735/6 then Jessea Lewis of Barnstable and marcy Crosby of harwich ware married in harwich by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

march the 4 day 1735/6 Then Lemuell Freeman and desire Sears both of harwich ware marred by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

october 28 : 1736 Then Eleazer Robens and mehitable Weeks both of harwich ware married in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

August 25 day 1737 then Beriah broadbrooks jun^{r} and Lidea Robens ware marred in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

[p. 225] December 19 day 1735 now is entered here an intention of marriage that is concluded upon between Seth Winslow and thankfull Sears both of harwich

December 26 day 1735 Then Israel Nickerson of yarmouth Come and entred an intention of marriage between himself and hannah Small of harwich

January 26 day 1735/6 Then Jesse Lewes of Barnstable Come and entered an intention of marriage betwext himself and marcy Crosby of Harwich

february 7 day 1735/6 the James banges and bethiah winge both of harwich had their intention of marriage now entered here in this book

February 14 day 1735/6 Then Lemuel Freeman and Desire Sears had their intention of marriage entered here in this book

April the 3 day 1736 Then Joseph hopkins and mary Berey hade an intention of marriage entered here and their intention of marriage is now entered

June 5 day 1736 Then William Freeman ju[r] of Harwich and Hannah atwood of Eastham had their intention of marriage entered here in this book as the law directs

June 26 day 1736 Then Benjamin Ruggles of Rhogeste[r]* and Elce myrick of Harwich had this their intention of marriage entered hear

July 31 day 1736 Then Cap[t] Joseph Freeman did enter this his intention of marriage with m[es] mary Freeman

August 7 day 1736 Then m[r] Edmond Freeman the 3[d] of harwich entered his intention of marriage with m[es] martha Otis of Barnstable or their intention of marriage Each to other

August 21 day 1736 then Elezer Robbens and mehitable Weeks both of harwich had their intention of marriage to Each other entered and therefor I do now enter it

December the 11 day 1736 then Jesse nickerson of harwich and thankfull Cook of Eastham had their intention of marriage entered here in this book

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UNRECORDED BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEEDS

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THE abstracts printed in this issue were made in March, 1909, from original deeds owned by Mr. Henry Arey of Yarmouthport, Mass. None of these deeds had been recorded.

[ISAAC SPARROW TO THOMAS AREY]

"Isaac Sparrow of Eastham .... Esq:" for £12, sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... a peace of wood Land in Harwich in Sipsons purchis being part of the twefth Lot in the first Devision of said purchis begining at stone in the Range of said Lot being Thomas Linnels Bound Runing Northerly in the Rang of said twelfth Lot twenty Eight pole and three Quarters of a pole to a stake thence westerly acrost Said Lot to a tree marked thence southerly twenty Eight pole and three Quarters of a pole in

* Rochester, Mass.

the Rang of said Lot to Thomas Linnels Land thenc Easterly in said Linnels Range to the first Bound Being five acors"

The deed was dated 18 February, 1790, witnessed by "James atwood" and "Jonathan Linnel [jur*]", and acknowledged, 28 December, 1790, by "Isaac Sparrow Esq", before Elijah Knowles, Justice of the Peace. It was not recorded.

[Estate of Asa Mayo, Jr., to Thomas Arey]

"John Higgens of Eastham .... yeoman administrator to asa mayo Jur Late of Eastham Deceased:" for £1, 4s., sold to "Thomas ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... a peace of Land in Eastham being part of the Estate of the said Deceased Bounded Begining at the south East Bound of said arys Land Runing North Easterly into the fresh pond thence North westerly by said pond to oliver arys and Joshua Goulds Range thence southwesterly to said arys northeast Bound thence southerly in said arys Range to the first Bound with all the previliges thare to Belonging haveing obtained Licence from the Court of Common pleas .... to sell and Convaye the same"

The deed was dated 2 March, 1790, and witnessed by Lot Higgins and Azubah Higgins. It was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Zaccheus Higgins to Thomas Arey]

"Zaccheus Higgens of Eastham .... yeoman", for £1, sold to "Thomas ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all my Rite in the undevided meadow and sedge ground in the fifth shears propriatee in the south part of Eastham : my Rite being the twentyeth part of said und Devided with all the previliges thare to belonging"

The deed was dated 22 March, 1791, signed "Zaccheus higgins", and witnessed by Isaac Sparrow and Josiah Sparrow. It was acknowledged, 22 March, 1791, before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Shubael Mayo to Thomas Arey]

"Shubel mayo of Eastham .... fisherman", for 15 shillings, sold to "Thomas ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that my peace of wood Land in Harwich Lying on the westerly side of Bakers way being part of a Lot that was my fathar asa myos Late of Eastham Deceased Runing from Bakers way westerly to the widdow Kenwrickses Land being the second Lot in our Division"

* This seems to be the reading, but it may possibly be "Sen".

The deed was dated 10 January, 1793, signed by "Shubael mayo", and witnessed by Isaac Sparrow and Prince Rogers, Jr. It was acknowledged, 10 January, 1793, before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Jabez Sparrow to Thomas Arey]

"Jabez Sparrow of Eastham .... Gentleman:" for $200.00, sold to "Thomas Ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that my peace of Land in Eastham Lying on the southerly side of the mill River near Richard Rogerses house Begining at the Edge of the River against whare the mill formerly stood near said Rogerses house from thence Runing by Theophilus Hopkenses Land to the North-west corner of a Ceder swamp from thence Easterly by the swamp untill it Comes to the land of oliver and Thomas arys Land thence Northerly by said aryes Land untill it Coms to the River thence westerly by the Edge of the River to the first specified place .... in witness whare of I the said Jabez Sparrow and I Molly Sparrow wife of the said Jabez Sparrow Do hear unto set our hands"

The deed was dated 28 December, 1795, signed by Jabez Sparrow and "Molley Sparrow", and witnessed by Isaac Sparrow and Samuel Rogers, Jr. It was acknowledged 28 December, 1795, by Jabez Sparrow only, before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace, and was not recorded.

[Heman and Dorcas Snow to Thomas Arey]

"I Heman Snow Jur of Eastham .... yeoman and I Dorkes Snow Wife of said Heman Snow", for $7.00, sold to "Thomas ary of Eastham .... yeoman .... all that our peace of wood land Lying in harwich near Grassy nook Bounded on the westerly End by the widdow hopkinses Land on the southerly side by Paul Higgenses Land on the Easterly End by Jonathan hopkinses Land on the Northerly side by said arys Land".

The deed was dated 16 February, 1796, and signed by Heman Snow, Jr., but not by his wife. It was witnessed by Isaac Sparrow and Gould Linnell. It was acknowledged, 16 February, 1796, by Heman Snow, Jr., before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

(*To be continued*)

JOSEPH AND HANNAH SILVESTER'S JOINT WILL AND THE ESTATE OF THEIR SON SOLOMON

By the Editor

Joseph Silvester married, about 1689, Hannah Bartlett[4], daughter of Joseph Bartlett[3] (*Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]) of Plymouth, and settled in that town. By means of the town records of births and deaths, the church records of baptisms, gravestone records at Plymouth, and the joint will of Joseph and Hannah Silvester, we find that they had eight children, six of whom married and had issue. Two of the children, Mercy and Ebenezer, died without issue, before the joint will was made.

Solomon Silvester[5] (*Hannah Bartlett*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), the oldest son, married Elizabeth[3] Rider (*Samuel*[2-1]), settled in Plymouth, and had thirteen children.

Joseph Silvester[5], the second son, married Mercy Holmes[5] (*Sarah Bartlett*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), settled in Plymouth, had two children, and died before the will of his parents was made.

Hannah Silvester[5], the oldest daughter, married Eleazer Holmes, lived in Plymouth, and had nine children.

Mary Silvester[5] married Samuel Rider[5] (*John*[4], *Sarah Bartlett*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), lived in Plymouth, and had nine children.

Thankful Silvester[5] married Ebenezer Rider[5] (*John*[4], *Sarah Bartlett*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), lived in Plymouth, and had four children.

Content Silvester[5] married James Holmes, lived in Plymouth, and had eleven children.

On 1 November, 1734, Joseph and Hannah (Bartlett) Silvester united in a very unusual proceeding. They made a joint will, which could not take effect until after the death of both husband and wife. Such wills are very rarely met with in the records, and in the present case the probate proceedings contain nothing to determine which of the joint testators died first. We only know that neither of the testators was living on 4 March, 1754, the day the joint will was probated.

The oldest son, Solomon Silvester[5], and Eleazer Holmes, husband of Hannah, the oldest daughter, were named as executors in the joint will, and both made oath to the inventory, on 21 March,

1754. Solomon Silvester[5] died between that date and 31 May, 1754, when his widow Elizabeth was appointed to administer on his estate; and Eleazer Holmes, the other executor of the joint will, died 21 August, 1754. Three months later, on 19 November, 1754, James Holmes and Joseph Silvester, both of Plymouth, were appointed to administer the remainder of the estate of Joseph and Hannah Silvester.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estates of Joseph and Hannah Silvester and their oldest son, Solomon Silvester, the proper reference being given with each abstract.

This article is printed at the expense of a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mr. Edward L. Parker, of Concord, Mass., who is a descendant of Solomon and Elizabeth (Rider) Silvester.

[Joint Will of Joseph and Hannah Silvester]

[13:205] On 1 November, 1734, "We Joseph Silvester and Hannah Silvester his wife both of Plimouth" made "this our last Will and Testament". Bequests were as follows:

"Imprimis; We Give to our well beloved son Sollomon Silvester Forty acres of land of the southerly side of our Land which Lieth at the head of the Mill pond in Plimouth at Moniment ponds .... togather with what he hath allready Reserved* is his full part of our Estate"

"to the Children of our son Joseph Silvester Deceas.d . One fifth part of all our Estate both Real and personall in Plimouth and Else."

"to our four Daughters . Hannah Holmes . Mary Rider . Thankfull Rider and Content Holmes four fifths of all our Estate both Real and personall in Plimouth and Else where .... to Each of them in Equall parts that is Each of them one fifth part of all our Estate and if it so happen that the above named Hannah Silvester after the Decease of her Husband She shall have the Improvement of the above Demised premisses and all the whole of Estate Dureing her Naturall Life and after her Decease to be Inhereted in Manner . as above Expresed"

"We Do also Hereby Constitute our Well beloved sons . Solomon Silvester and Eleazer Holmes oure Sole Execrs of this our last Will and Testamt."

Hannah Silvester signed by a mark.

* This is plainly an error in recording. It should have been "Received".

The witnesses were Elisha Holmes (by a mark), Josiah Morton and Elisha Holmes, Jr.

[13:206] On 4 March, 1754, Elisha Holmes made oath to the will, "and that he Togather with the said Josiah Morton and Elisha Holmes Junr (who is Since Deceasd) Subscribed as Witnesses", and the will "of Joseph Silvester and Hannah his wife, late of said Plimouth Deceasd" was probated, and administration "Committed unto Solomon Silvester and Eleazer Holmes. both of said Plimouth Executors in the same will named"

[13:249] "An Inventory of the Real and Personall Estate of Mr Joseph Silvester and Hannah his wife late of Plimo Decd" was taken "in Lawfull money", on 14 March, 1754, by Joseph Bartlett, Jonathan Bartlett and John Blackmer. The real estate was: "100 acres pine land (by Infom**) at Wenten Quage" £1; "a wright in Little meadow (by Informt)" 4s.; "a wood Lott 107 acres" £21, 10s.; "meadow next the beach, below Homstead" £2; "Homstead Dwelling house Barne & out Housen" £427. The total amount of the inventory was £541, 1s., 11d.

On 21 March, 1754, "Massrs Solomon Silvester and Eleazer Holmes Execrs" made oath to the inventory, "Before Edward Winslow of Plimo Justs pacs"

[13:366] On 19 November, 1754, "James Holmes & Joseph Silvester both of Plimouth" were appointed to administer the remainder of the estate of "Joseph Silvester late of said Plimouth Yeoman decd", who had "Appointed Solomon Silvester & Elisha Holmes both of sd Plimouth Execrs .... but the Execrs aforesd also dyeing without Compleating their sd Admn & Leaveing the same Unsettled"

[From unrecorded bond] On 19 November, 1754, James Holmes, yeoman, and Joseph Silvester, mariner, both of Plymouth, as administrators "on the Estate of Joseph Silvester Late of sd Plimouth Yeoman Decd", with Ezra Allen and Elkanah Watson, merchants, both of Plymouth, as sureties, gave a bond of £100. The witnesses were John Lothrop and Hannah Dyer.

[Solomon Silvester's Estate]

[13:261] On 31 May, 1754, "Elezabeth Silvester of Plimouth .... Wido" was appointed administratrix of the estate of "Solomon Silvester late of sd Plimouth Yeoman decd"

[From original bond] On 31 May, 1754, "Elizabeth Silvester widdow", with "Amaziah Churchell Shorsman & Ebenezer Silvester Labourer all of Plimouth" as sureties, gave bond for £1000,

* Information.

as "Administratrix On the Estate of her husband Solomon Silvester late of said Plimouth Deceasd"

Elizabeth Silvester signed by a mark. The witnesses were Edward Winslow and "Marcy Warren"

[13:357] On 26 September, 1754, "An Inventory of the Estate that M^r Solomon Silvester Late of Plimouth dec^d dyed Seized of" was taken by Elisha Holmes, Benjamin Rider and John Blackmer. The real estate was: "the Homstead and buildings" £306, 13s., 4d.; "at the Whale hole" £57, 6s., 8d.; "Land at Sheften Cove" £26, 13s., 4d.; "Land at the head of the brook" £5, 6s., 8d. A "Whale bote Oars & Craft" were valued at £1, 10s., 8d. The total amount of the inventory was £523, 12s., 1d.

On 26 September, 1754, "Elizabeth Silvester relect Widdow of said Solomon Silvester dec^d", and the three appraisers, made oath to the inventory, before Samuel Bartlett, Justice of the Peace.

BARNSTABLE, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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In our last article we completed the vital records in the oldest volume of the Barnstable town records. We now begin printing the births, marriages, etc., in the second volume. There are no vital records in the first one hundred and forty-seven pages of that volume.

In the following transcript, the number of the original page is printed in brackets, at the beginning of each new page. Pages which do not contain vital records are not mentioned in the transcript.

[Volume II]

[2:148] Seth Goodspeed Married Abigail Linnell. Their children viz:

Anna	Born	Sep^t 29 1753 Died Feb^y 15 1821.
Temperance	"	Nov^r 7 1755. Died
Patience	"	Oc^t 10 1757.
Abigail	"	Ap^l 4 1760.
Hannah	"	Sep^t 19 1762.
Eunice	"	Oc^t 5 1764
Olive	"	Sep^t 21 1766 Died Nov^r 21 1814.
Allen	"	Jan^y 5. 1769. " Jan^y 7 1831.
Sophia	"	June 13 1771.
Temperance	"	Jan^y 14 1774.

Mrs Abigail Goodspeed Died July 7 1805 Ag^{d} 75 years
Mr Seth Goodspeed Died March 26 1810 " 82 "

[p. 201] Marriages Solemnized by y^{e} Rever^{d} m^{r} Joseph Green
Ebenezer Claghorn & Elizabeth Hamblin Sep^{t} 8 : 1763
Joseph Davis & Lucretia Thacher Nov^{r} 17 1763
John Gray & Abigail Thacher Nov^{r} 24 1763
David Howland & Mary Coleman Decem^{r} 15 1763
Edward Bacon ju^{r} & Lydia Gorham Janu^{ry} 26 : 1764
John Coleman of Granville & Abigail Delap Feb: 9 : 1764

marriages Solemnised By David Gorham Esq^{r}
Luke Butler and Remember Blachford oct^{r} 9th 1760
Transmitted To the Cle^{r} of y^{e} Sessions Jan^{y} 28th 1766

marriages Solomnised By the Rev^{d} m^{r} oakes Shaw
Viz m^{r} John Smith & miss Abigail Hamblen both of Barnstable Jan^{y} 18th 1764
m^{r} Joseph Smith & m^{rs} mary Basset both of this Town Nov^{r} 22^{d} 1765
Bezaleel Waste of Dartmouth & Joanna Cannon of this Town Nov^{r} 28th 1765
m^{r} Joseph Palmer of falmouth & miss Thankfull Davis of this Town Dec^{r} 6th 1765
m^{r} Lemuel Howland of Sandwich & Abigail Hamblin of this Town Dec^{r} 11th 1765
Joseph Barnabas Indian man of this Town and Ruth Ralph of Eastham Dec^{r} 24th 1765
Transmitted To y^{e} Cle^{r} of y^{e} Sessions Jan^{y} 28th 1766 P^{r} Edw^{d} Bacon Town Cle^{r}

marriages Solomnised By the Reve^{d} m^{r} Joseph Green 1764 & 1765
Viz m^{r} mathew Wood & miss martha Davis Jn^{r} both of this Town July 26th 1764
m^{r} Sturgis Gorham & miss Phebe Taylor Sept^{r} 13th 1764
m^{r} Nathaniel Allen & miss Patience Cobb Sept^{r} 18th 1764
m^{r} William Crocker Jn^{r} & miss mary Cobb Jn^{r} Sept^{r} 30th 1764
Samuel Bearse & Sarah Bearse Nov^{r} 15th 1764
Elpalet Loring & Abigail Gillman Nov^{r} 15th 1764
Thomas Stetson of Sandwich & Susanna Gray of this Town Nov^{r} 22^{d} 1764
oris Cobb & Theodate Lewis Dec^{r} 6th 1764
David Rumsey of fairfield & Anna Lovell of this Town Dec^{r} 26th 1764

Jonathan Sturgis & Temperance Gorham Feb^{y} 7th 1765
Joseph Linnel & Sussanna Cobb Jn^{r} march 21st 1765
m^{r} Josiah Crocker & miss Deborah Davis Oct^{r} 6th 1765
m^{r} Otis Loring and miss Sarah Hinckley Dec^{r} 5th 1765
Zacheus Allen of falmouth & Thankfull Thacher of this Town Dec^{r} 30th 1765
Transmitted To the Cle^{r} of the Sessions Jan^{y} 28th 1766 P^{r} Edw^{d} Bacon Town Cle^{r}

[p. 202] Persons Entered & Published In order for Marriage
Nathan Cannon and Thanckfull Basset feb: 26 : 1763
Benjamin Howland & Anna Crocker Feb: 26 : 1763
Isaac Phinney and Anna Thomas of Windham March 12 : 1763
Joseph Howland & Elizabeth Lovell march 19th 1763
Andrew Allyn j^{r} of Barnstable & Dorcas Hawes of Dartmouth april 16th 1763
Lemuel Crocker & Sarah Backhouse of Sandwich may 7th 1763
Thomas Palmer of Falmouth & Elizebeth Thacher May 7th 1763
James Colman ju^{r} and Anna Lumber may 7th 1763
Thomas Allyn and Hannah Gorham of yarmouth may 14th 1763
Shobael Lovell and Mary Fuller June 4th 1763
David Howland & mary coleman June 18 : 1763
Seth Lothrop & mary Fuller of Sandwich august 6th 1763
Ebenezer Foster & Martha Snow august 13 : 1763
Joseph Davis & Lucretia Thacher august 20th 1763
Ebenezer Claghorn & Elizabeth Hamblin aug^{t} 27 : 1763
Richard Sparrow of Haddam in Connecticut and Deborah Howland of Barnstable octo: 1st 1763
John Gray & Abigail Thacher octo^{r} 8th 1763
John Green and Elizebath Baxter of yarmouth nov^{r} 19th 1763
John Smith and Abigail Hamblin Dec^{r} 3 : 1763
the Rev^{d} m^{r} Oakes Shaw of Barnstable and mr^{s} Elisabeth Weld of Attlebourough Dec^{r} 7th 1763
David Loring & Philippi Dexter of yarmouth Dec^{r} 17th 1763
Edward Bacon Jn^{r} & Lydia Gorham Dec^{r} 17th 1763
John Coleman of Granville & Abigail Delap Dec^{r} 31 : 1763
Jabez Hinckley and Deborah Wing of Harwich Janu^{y} 14 : 1764

A List of Persons names Entered In order for Publication and marriage by Edw^{d} Bacon Town Cler
Viz Rowland Cobb of Barnstable and Thankfull Garritt of Sandwich march 24th 1764
Josiah Goodspeed and Jemima Blossom april y^{e} 7th 1764

David Rumsey of fairfield in Conecticut and Anna Lovell may y^e^ 4^th^ 1764
Nathaniel Allen and Patience Cobb : June 8^th^ 1764
Thomas Stetson of Sandwich and Susanna Gray Jn^r^ of Barnstable June y^e^ 9^th^ 1764
mathew wood and martha Davis Jn^r^ both of Barnstable July 6^th^ 1764
Sturgis Gorham and Phebe Taylor both of Barnstable July 25^th^ 1764
Abner Coffen Servant To David Gorham Esq^r^ of Barnstable and peggy Cyprus of Harwich Sept^r^ 14^th^ 1764
william Crocker Ju^r^ and mary Cobb both of Barnstable Sept^r^ 15^th^ 1764

(*To be continued*)

THE WILLS OF JOSIAH KEEN, SR., OF DUXBURY AND HIS SON JOSIAH, OF PEMBROKE

By the Editor

Josiah Keen, Sr., of Marshfield and Duxbury, Mass., married, first, Abigail Little[3], daughter of Thomas and Anna[2] (Warren) Little of Marshfield, and granddaughter of Richard[1] Warren, the Mayflower Passenger. Josiah and Abigail Keen had two children: a son, Josiah Keen[4], who married Lydia Baker; and a daughter, who died young, and whose name is unknown.

Josiah Keen, Sr., married, for his second wife, Hannah Dingley, daughter of John Dingley of Marshfield, and by her had seven children: three sons, John, Matthew and Ephraim, and four daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth, Abigail and Sarah.

Josiah Keen, Sr., of Duxbury, made his will 28 May, 1695, but it was not probated until 15 September, 1710. The date of his death has not been found.

Josiah Keen[4] (*Abigail Little*[3], *Anna*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]) married Lydia Baker, as already stated, and had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. The sons were: Benjamin, Josiah (died young), Josiah again, Nathaniel, Samuel, Isaac, Hezekiah. The daughters were: Abigail, who married Nicholas Drew; Eleanor, who married Joseph Thomas; Lydia, who married George Partridge; Bethiah, who married Judah West.

Josiah Keen[4] lived in Pembroke. He made his will 2 February, 1728; but the date of his death has not been found. The first of

the witnesses to his will was sworn on 23 December, 1732, and Josiah probably died not long before that date.

We here present exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estates of Josiah Keen of Duxbury and his son Josiah Keen of Pembroke, the proper reference being given with each abstract.

This article is printed at the expense of a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mr. John W. Churchill, of Plymouth, Mass., who is descended from Judah and Bethiah (Keen) West in two different lines: through their daughter Lydia West, who married George Holmes; and through their son Samuel West, who married Elizabeth Rich.

[Will of Josiah Keen of Duxbury]

[From original will] "I give to my sone Josiah Keene y^t^ part of my land wher he y^e^ sd Josiah Keene doth now dwell a strait line from y^e^ Corner of his ould orcherd fenc to a maple tree marked standing one the southerly side of puding brooke and from y^e^ afore sd Corner of the orcherd fenc as his fenc Runs to the end of my land with a smal parcel of medow land Caled lendals medow y^e^ uper part all the rest of my land and housing I doo give to my wif both upland and mdow improved and dorman duering y^e^ tim of her widowhoohoud and after her death or being maried to another man The sd housing upland and medow to return to my son mathew The sd mathew Keen paiing to my two sons John Keen and ephraIm keen five pounds each of them two: all my teem and Tacklin belonging to y^e^ team both horse and oxen I do give to my wif duering the time of her widowhoud or til shee be maried to another man then to return to my son mathew and for my foure Daghter my will is y^t^ thai shall have foure pounds a peece everi one of them paied to them out of my estat ate or about the tim of ther being maried I sai paid to them four out of my movable estat and for my grand children my wil is y^t^ thai shal have everi on of them twelve penc a penc a peece paied to them out of my movable estat"

"my wife To be my trew and lawful administrator"

The will was dated 28 May, 1695, and signed by "the mark of Josiah Keen senior". The witnesses were Josiah Holmes and "Aaron Soul". On 15 September, 1710, "The Will of Josiah Kean late of Duxbury" was probated, on the testimony of the two witnesses. [The will was also recorded, 2: 160.]

[From original document] Francis Barker and Josiah Holmes took the inventory, on 15 September, 1710, and on that day, "Widdow Hannah Keane made oath that the abovewritten is a true Inventory of the Estate of her late husband Josiah Keen" No real estate was mentioned. [The inventory was also recorded, 2: 161.]

[Will of Josiah Keen of Pembroke]

[From original will] "Josiah Keen of Pembrok .... yeaman" made his will on 2 February, 1728. Bequests were as follows.

"my .... will is that .... Debtes and Funerel Charges be satesfied and payed and then that y^e^ legeses here after given to my six sones and y^t^ to my Loving Dafter Elener Thomas and y^t^ to my Grand Child Mary Bruster be Payed by my Executrex .... out of my moveable Estate In one year after my Deseas"

To "Wife Leadyah Keen a living In my house where in I now Dwell (as long as she shall live) which I Reserved in y^e^ Dead I Gave of the same to my son Isaac Keen allso I Give to my sd wife the use and Improvement of all the Resedu of my moveable Estate So long as She shall Remaine my widdow with power to Dispose of such part thare of as may be nessesary for her soport: and further my mind and will is that if my sd widdow shall Se case to mary a gaine then my mind and will is that she shall have Twenty pounds out of my Estate: and the other part thareof shall be Disposed of as is here after ordered"

To "Son Benjemin Keen Four shilings which with what I have alredy given him by Dead I account a suffitient Porshun for him"

To "Son Josiah Keen Four Shilings which with What I have alredy Given him I apprehend is a suffitient portion for him"

To "Son Nethaniel Keen Four Shilings which with what he hath allredy had I account his part or portion of my Estate"

To "son Samuel Keen Four Shilings which with what he hath already had I account his full Portion in my Estate"

To "son Isaac Keen Four Shilings which with what he hath already had is his Full portion"

To "Son Hazeciah Keen Four shilings which with what he hath already had is his full portion"

To "Dafter Elener Thomas y^e^ wife of Joseph Thomas Four Pounds:"

To "my Grandchild Mary Bruster Twenty Shilings"

"all y^e^ Remaining part of my moveable Estate at my wives Deseas or at har marage which Ever shall first hapen shall be Equelly Devided betwen my four Dafters or thare Legel Representetives that is to say to the Children of my Dafter Abigale Drew

one Fourth part and to my Dafter Elener Thomas one fourth part and to the Children of my Dafter Lediah Patridge one Fourth part and to my Dafter Bethiah West one fourth Part:"

"wife Ledeah Keen to be Sole Executrex"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were "Aaron Soul", "Aaron Soul Jun^{r}" and "Elisha Bisbe". They made oath to the will as follows: Elisha Bisbe on 23 December, 1732; Aaron Soul, Jr., on 25 December, 1732; Aaron Soul, Sr., on 26 December, 1732; all before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. On 10 January, 1732,* the will "of Josiah Keen late of Pembrok" was probated, at Marshfield, and administration granted to "Ledea Keen Relict Widdow of the sd deceased" [The will was also recorded, 6: 272.]

[From original warrant] On 2 January, 1732,† a warrant to appraise the real and personal estate was issued to "Cap^{t} Fra^{s} Barker Cap^{t} Nehemiah Cushing and m^{r} Aron Sole‡ all of pembroke" [The warrant was also recorded, 6: 274.]

[From original inventory] On 5 January, 1732,§ the inventory was taken, and signed by "Fra^{s} Barker", "Nehemiah Cushing" and "Aaron Soul". The total was £225, 8s., 9d. No real estate was included. Three interesting items are: "the bed and furniture att Hezekiah Keens" £12; "one Kittle att Hezekiahs and pare Shares" 13s.; "One promesary Noat From Hezekiah" £2, 11s.

On 9 January, 1732,‖ "Ledia Keen Executor .... of her late husband Josiah Keen" and the three appraisers made oath to the inventory, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 6: 274.]

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

* 21 January, 1733, in New Style dating.

† 13 January, 1733, in New Style dating.

‡ "Israell Turner" was first written, but it was crossed out and "Aron Sole" interlined, in the same hand and ink.

§ 16 January, 1733, in New Style dating.

‖ 20 January, 1733, in New Style dating.

PLYMOUTH COLONY WILLS AND INVENTORIES

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[Inventory of William Soane]

[3:1:38] On "the 17 of the twelvth* month 1671" Thomas Clapp and Walter Woodworth† took "An Inventory of the estate or goods of Willam Soanes of Scittuate whoe Departed this life the 29th of January 1671". It was "exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth", on 4 June, 1672, "on the oath of Dorethy Tubbs". No real estate was included.

[The date of death of William Soane was not given in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register", Volume 70, page 200, and the reference to the record of his will is there given incorrectly. We print his will, also the antenuptial agreement between William Tubbs, Sr., and the Widow Dorothy Soane, on pages 143 and 144 of this issue.—*Editor.*]

[Ralph Chapman's Will]

[p. 39] "Ralph Chapman senir of Marshfeild" made his will 28 November, 1671, and it was "exhibited to the court held att Plymouth" 4 June, 1672, "on the othes of Leift: White and Ephraim Little", the two witnesses. Bequests were as follows:

To "my soninlaw Willam Norkett and to Sarah his wife that now is and his heires for ever; by the heires is ment, the eldest son of the said Willam and Sarah Surviveing for and in consideration; of my long lying in my sicknes I say I give and Will unto; my said son and Daughter and theire said heires; the one halfe .... of my upland and Meddow; and my son Ralph Chapman the other halfe; equally Devided excepting onely the orchyard;"

To "my youngest son Ralph Chapman whom I make my heire; the other halfe of that my said land and meddow house and orchyard and Cropp of Corne; my mare and horsecolt one yeare and vantage old; & alsoe one milch Cow & 2 heiffers 1 three yeare old; the other 2 yeare old; and two younge steers yeare and vantage; alsoe the one third of my Debts Due att Boston or else where .... and the other two thirds To my Daughter Sarah Norkott alsoe the

* In Old Style dating, the twelfth month was February. According to New Style dating, William Soane died 8 February, 1672, the inventory was taken 27 February, 1672, and was presented in court, 14 June, 1672.

† Woodworth signed by a mark.

hommade cloth that is in the house I give the one halfe to my son Ralph; and the other halfe to my Daughter Sarah; and the rest of my moveable goods undesposed of; I give to my son Ralph; onely a saw; I give the one halfe of it to my son Willam Norkott;"

"I alsoe Constitute .... Edward Wanton of Scittuate senir .... my sons Gaurdian and to have full power; and my estate to Improve for my sons good till hee comes of prfect age to Improve it for himselfe;"

To "my son Isacke" 40s., sterling, "and to my son John" 20s., sterling, "and to my Daughter mary" 20s., sterling, "and to my Daughter Sarah" 40s., sterling, "these to be payed in such pay as this country Doth affoard upon the proced of Cattle in .... one yeare after my Decease;"

To "my Daughter Mary one pewter Candlesticke one pewter Dish one beer bowle;"

To "my Daughter Sarah my stocke of hemp and a warming pan and an Iron pott and hangers; two pewter Dishes and bason; one wine cup and halfe the hatchell and brake; alsoe a Chest; one looking glasse one stocke of Bees one Chaire;"

To "my son in law Willam Norkott all my wearing clothes;"

To "my Daughter Sarahs Children one three yeare old heiffer; to be Improved for theire use; to be Devided when they come to age proportionabley; on Consideration of my son Norkotts looking to the Cattle this prsent winter;"

The will was not signed. The witnesses were Peregrine White and Ephraim Little.

"as the abovewritten Will was prsented before the Court without either Subscription or seall therto by the Testator Deceased; the Court saw Cause to Require further evidence Concerning it and accordingly severall Testimonies were produced by which it Clearly appeered .... that the Testator .... altho hee was in Disposing mind .... when this will was written yett that hee was then soe Disabled by Reason of weaknes of body and lamnes and swelling of his hands; soe as hee could neither subscribe his hand nor affix his seale therto as more fully appeers .... see over leafe"

[p. 40] "October 30 1671 The Deposition of Willam Foard senir aged 67 or therabouts .... hee being Desire to come to Ralph Chapmans house in the time of his extream sicknes; and when I came to his house; hee Desired mee to write his will for him .... which I Did for him according as hee Did expresse to mee word for word without any Disturbance of son or Daughter; the said Chapman altho very weake in body yett in prfect sence and memory to my best apprehension; this being Done according to his mind;

Thomas Tilden being in the house wee Desired him to Read that and sett his hand to it as witnes; some speech wee had about the sicke man seting his hand to it; but hee being not Capable by Reason of his being much swollen in his body and hands; not able to hold a pen or any other thing in his hands; and I not knowing the Nessesitie of it; soe that it was not Done;" Sworn in court, 6 June, 1672; attested by Nathaniel Morton, Secretary.

"Thomas Tilden being aged about fifty yeares Doe Testify That I being att the house of Willam Norkott where goodman Chapman lay sicke when Willam Foard senir wrote his will Doe apprehend that the said Chapman was in his Richt sences .... although very weake and much swelled that I thinke hee was uncapable to use his hand;" Sworn 4 June, 1672, before Josias Winslow, Assistant.

["The Testimony of Anna Little aged sixty yeares or therabouts" taken 6 June, 1672, was printed in full in "The Mayflower Descendant", Volume II, page 178. She was the daughter of Richard Warren, the Mayflower Passenger.—*Editor.*]

"The Deposition of Ephraim Little* aged 22 yeares or therabouts .... being att the house of Willam Norkott after the will was made; they Desired mee to sett my hand to the will: then the Scribe Desired that I would Read it which accordingly I Did; and after that Mr White had Read it; hee asked Ralph Chapman whether this was according to his mind; and hee said it is; and further this Deponant saith that I Judge hee was in his prfect sences .... and further I testify that they asked whoe shall keep the Will: Mr White said lett Ephraim Little; but I made some words; and Ralph Chapman said lett my son William Take it and Give it to Edward Wanton; and they spake Concerning the old Will; and it was Chapmans Desire it should be burned; which accordingly they Did;" Sworn in court, 6 June, 1672; attested by Nathaniel Morton, Secretary.

[p. 41] The inventory was taken by Philip Leanard (who signed by a mark) and Peregrine White, 27 January, 1671,† and exhibited in court, 4 June, 1672, on the oaths "of Willam Norkott and Sarah Norkott his wife". Debts were due the estate from: John Waterman, Job Winslow, Nathaniel Soule, Arthur Howland, Thomas Sumers, William Cotton of Boston, Timothy White, William Leanard, John Mendall.

* Son of Thomas and Anna (Warren) Little.—*Editor.*

† This would be 6 February, 1672, in New Style dating.

The estate was indebted to Philip Leanard, William Holmes, John Loe, John Phillips, Joseph Phillips, Richard French, "good wife Crooker", "good wife Little", John Foster, John Sawyer, John Mendall, "Docter Fuller".

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THE ESTATE OF MERCY TOMSON[3]

By the Editor

Mercy Tomson[3], daughter of Lieut. John Tomson and Mary[2] Cooke (*Francis*[1]) of Middleborough, Mass., outlived all of her brothers and sisters, and died at Halifax, Mass., 19 April, 1756, in her 85th year. She was unmarried, and her estate was divided among the heirs of the four brothers and four sisters who had married and left issue. The four sisters were: Mary, wife of Thomas Taber; Esther, wife of William Reed; Elizabeth, wife of William Swift; Lydia, wife of James[3] Soule (*John*[2], *George*[1]).

In recording the final settlement, the Register omitted the number of farthings in the amount to be paid to the heirs of each of the brothers; but the number is given as three in the amount to be paid to the heirs of each of the sisters, and three is the number obtained in dividing the total by eight. Three has, therefore, been supplied in our abstract.

A careful abstract of all records in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estate of Mercy Tomson[3], is here given, the proper reference being noted with each record.

[Mercy Tomson's Estate]

[14:67] On 3 May, 1756, "Zebediah Tomson of Halifax.... Yeoman" was appointed administrator of the estate of "Marcy Thomson late of s[d] Halifax Spinster dec[d].... Intestate"

[From original bond] On 3 May, 1756, "Zebadiah Tomson" yeoman, of Halifax, as administrator, with Moses Standish, yeoman, of Halifax, and "Tho[s] Foster" of Plymouth, "Esqr", as sureties, gave a bond of £200. The witnesses were Josiah Morton, Jr., and Edward Winslow. [The bond was not recorded.]

[14:395] On 13 May, 1756, an inventory of the estate was taken by Moses Standish, Robert Waterman and Noah Cushing.

The total amount was £92, 18s. No real estate was mentioned. The three appraisers made oath to it on 8 June, 1756, and Zebadiah Tomson, administrator, made oath to it, on 5 July, 1756.

[14: 71] "The account of Zebediah Thomson admr on the Estate of Marcy Tomson late of Halifax .... decd" showed debts due to: "Wido Martha Soul"; Peter Tomson; "Davd Simons"; "Wido Mary Tomson Senr"; "Wido Mary Tomson Junr"; Thomas Tomson, Jr.; "Dr Loring". The account was allowed, 5 July, 1756.

"Forasmuch as upon the Adjustment of the aforeging acco there remains a Ballance of" £81, 13s., 2d., "due .... to the Heirs & Legall representatives of the said* & the sd decd dyeing & Leaving no Surviveing Brother or Sister, The Admr is therefore Hereby Ordered & Directed to Pay out unto the then Surviving Children of the severall Brothers and Sisters of the said Decd the Severall Proportions following, Viz, unto the Children of John Tomson Jacob Tomson, Thomas Tomson & Peter Tomson all decd and Brothers of the said Marcy decd" £10, 4s., 1d., 3qr.,† "that is unto each of the aforenamed Brothers Children in equall Parts, and also the Like Sum of" £10, 4s., 1d., 3qr., "unto the Children Mary Tabour, Esther Reed, Elizabeth Swift & Lydia Soul (decd) the Sisters of the said Marcy decd that is to each Brothers and Sisters Children in equall Proportion the afored sums, and all which make the first mention'd sum"

This settlement was decreed, 24 July, 1756, by John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

THE WILLS OF JOHN³ SOULE, HIS WIDOW MARTHA AND HIS DAUGHTERS REBECCA AND ESTHER

By the Editor

John³ Soule (*John*², *George*¹) married Martha Tinkham⁴ (*Ephraim*³, *Mary*² *Brown, Peter*¹), at Middleborough, Mass., on 8 December, 1701. The marriage and the births of their nine children will be found in our first three volumes, transcribed from the Middleborough records. The father and mother and eight of their children were buried in the old cemetery at "The Green", in Middleborough, and the records from these ten stones will be found in our fourteenth volume.

* The word "decd" was omitted, in the record.

† See introductory note.

John³ Soule died 19 May, 1743; his widow Martha died 16 February, 1758; their daughter Rebecca⁴ Soule died, unmarried, 24 January, 1759; their daughter Esther⁴ Soule died, unmarried, 15 May, 1793; and each of these four left a will. In the following pages we present exhaustive abstracts of these four wills, and of all other records, or original papers on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlements of these four estates. The proper reference, to record or original paper, will be given with each abstract.

[JOHN³ SOULE'S WILL]

[9:84] "John Soul Sen^r of the Town of Middlebor^o" made his will 1 March, 1743. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Martha Soul .... All my Indore & Out Door Moveables Estate Except my tools & tackling, and allso to have as Many Apples Out of the Orchard as she wants for herselfe and allso Oblige my son John Soul to [p. 85] to keep her Two Cows and One horse with Convenient Fodder and pasture and Oblige him to give her Nine Bushels of Indian Corn & three Bushels of Rye and twelve pounds in passable money yearly Dureing her Natural life and to have one Room of the house for herselfe"

To "my son John Soul .... my homestead with all the buildings Fences & orchards and allso both my South Purchas lotts the One being in Number 120. and the other being in Number 126. and allso the Little Share being the 17^th^ part of the 43^d^ lott and allso that part of a Lott of Cedar Swamp that I bought of Henery wood lying in the Purchase Called the Six & twenty mens Purchase in the originall Right of Thomas & Samuel Dellingno—And I allso make him my Executor"

"what I have Given to .... son James Soul by Deed I Confirm in this my will"

To "my Daughter Martha Tomson" £20, "in two years after my Decease"

To "my Daughter Sarah Snow" £20, "in two years after my Deceas"

To "my Daughter Ester Soul" £20, "in two years after my Decease"

To "my Daughter Mary Samson" £20, "in two years after my Decease"

To "my Daughter Rebecca Soul" £25, "in two years after my Decease"

To "my Daughter Rachel Soul" £30, "in two years after my Decease"

"all to be paid to Each of them in the old tenour."

"And Rebecca & Rachel Soul are to have the privilige of one Room while they live unmaried"

The witnesses were Samuel Tinkham, Daniel Vaughn and Isaac Tinkham, Jr.

[9:85] The will was probated, at Pembroke, 6 June, 1743, on the testimony of Samuel Tinkham and Daniel Vaughn, and administration "Committed unto John Soul of Middlebor° afores[d] Sole Executor"

[9:138] On 6 June, 1743, Jacob Tomson, Capt. Jabez Vaughn and Samuel Tinkham, all of Middleborough, were appointed to appraise the estate, and the three were sworn [*] July, 1743.

[9:139] On 19 September, 1743, the inventory was taken, by the three appraisers. The real estate was: "His homested with buildings thereon" £650; "His Share of land in y[e] South purchase" £41; "His Cedar Swamp bought of Henry wood" £35. The total amount was £1202, 6s., 5d.

On 22 September, 1743, John Soule, the executor, made oath to the inventory.

[Martha (Tinkham) Soule's Will]

[15:29] "Martha Soul sen[r] .... of Middleborough" made her will 19 November, 1751. Bequests were as follows:

To "my John Souls Heirs" 5s. "lawfull money"

To "my son James Soul" 10s. "lawfull money"

To "the Heirs of my dauhter Sarah Snow dec[d]" 5s. "lawfull money"

To "my daughters Easter Soul & Rebeccah Soul .... one third of my movebale Estate & the rest I give to my daughters martha Thomson, & Ester Soul & mary Samson, & Rebecca Soul, & Rachal Vaughan to be divided equally among them."

"Ester Soul & Rebecca Soul" were named as executors.

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Samuel Tinkham, David Simmons and Nelson Finney. Samuel Tinkham and David Simmons made oath to the will on 2 May, 1758.

[15:30] "the Will of Martha Soul late of Middleboro .... widdow Dec[d]" was probated on 2 May, 1758.

[From original letter] On 2 May, 1758, "Isaac Tinkham of Middleborough .... Husbandman" was appointed administrator of the will of "Martha Soul sen[r] Late of said Middleborough Widow deced" who had "appointed her two Daughters Ester Soul and Rebecca Soul Executorix's of the same Will .... but the said

*The day is doubtful. It may be either 4 or 14.

Ester & Rebecca Renounced & Rufused the Executorship" [The letter was also recorded, 15 : 30.]

[From original bond] On 1 May, 1758, Isaac Tinkham, as administrator, with Samuel Tinkham and David Simmons as sureties, all of Middleborough, gave bond for £100. The witnesses were Edward Winslow and William Cushing. [The bond was not recorded.]

[15 : 224] "An Inventory .... of the widdow Martha Soul late of Midleborough Dec[d]" was taken on 19 May, 1758, by Daniel Vaughan, William Cushman and James Cobb. The real estate was valued at £1, 10s.; the personal estate at £63, 18s., 9d. Neither real nor personal estate was itemized.

The three appraisers made oath to the inventory on 19 January, 1759, and Isaac Tinkham, administrator, made oath to it on 6 August, 1759.

The account of Isaac Tinkham, administrator, was allowed on 6 August, 1759. Payments had been made to "D[r] Isaac otis", "Ester & Rebekah Soul", "Doct[r] Josiah Sturtevant", "Tho[s]. Tomson", "Obediah Samson", "Eb[r] Vaughan".

[Rebecca[4] Soule's Will]

[15 : 280] "Rebeckah Soul of .... midleborough" made her will 23 September, 1758. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Sister Esther Soul all my Estate which Cheefly Consists in houshold Goods live Stok Bonds notes & Book Debts &c Except what I Shall here after Give away and order hir To Pay out of Said Estate"

To "my Brother James Soul & To my three Sisters namely martha Tomson mary Samson & Rachal Voughan" £2, 13s., 4d., "to Each of them to be Paid to them in one year after my Deceas by my aforesaid Sister Ester Soul"

[p. 281] To "the Children of My Sister Sarah Snow Dec[d]" £2, 13s., 4d., "Equally to be Devided betwen them In one year after my Decease by my afores[d] Sister Ester Soul"

To "my Cossen John Soule" £2, 13s., 4d., "to be Paid him by my aforesaid Sister Ester Soul when he arrives To the age Twenty one"

"Sister Ester Soul" was appointed sole executrix.

The will was signed by a mark.

The witnesses were John Holmes, Joanna Holmes and Joseph Tinkham.

The will was probated 26 April, 1759, on the oaths of John Holmes and Joseph Tinkham, and administration committed to Esther Soule.

[Esther[4] Soule's Will]

[From original will] "Esther Soule of Middleborough .... Spinster" made her will 16 October, 1792. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Niece Esther Bryant wife to Isaac Bryant .... my bed; and beding sufficient to dress the same so as to make it comfertable but not for a change of Beding"

To "my Nephew Nathan Tomson .... all of my property now in his hands; also my Black camblet Gown"

To "all of my Heirs at Law, Exceipting the said Nathan Tomson, all of the remaining part and resadue of my Estate to be divided amongst them as the Law directs"

"My Nephew and trustee friend John Soule of said middleborough Gen[t]" was appointed sole executor.

The will was signed by a mark.

The witnesses were Thomas Bennet, Priscilla Barrows (by a mark), and "Isaac Thomson". [The will was also recorded, 33: 374.]

[From original letter] The will of "Esther Soule late of middleborough .... Spinster" was probated, 11 June, 1793, on the oaths of Thomas Bennet and Priscilla Barrows, who testified that they "with Isaac Thomson esq[r]" witnessed the will, and administration was granted to John Soule. [The letter was also recorded, 33: 375.]

[From original bond] On 11 June, 1793, John Soule, yeoman, as executor, with Nathaniel Thomson, yeoman, and Thomas Bennet, housewright, as sureties, all three of Middleborough, gave bond for £600. The witnesses were Nathaniel Lothrop and Priscilla Burr. [The bond was not recorded.]

[From original order] On 11 June, 1793, "John Soule the Executor to the last Will .... of Esther Soule late of Middleboro .... Spinster deceased" was ordered, by Joshua Thomas, Judge of Probate, to post a notice of his appointment in Middleborough.

[From original notice] On 12 July, 1793, at Middleborough, John Soule "gave public Notice to all persons" of his appointment as executor of the will of Esther Soule. On 7 October, 1793, he made oath that notice had been posted, as ordered. [The order and notice were also recorded, 33: 432.]

[From original warrant] On 11 June, 1793, "Nath[l] Samson, Yeoman, William Samson, Gentleman and Thomas Bennett, Housewright all of Middleborough" were appointed to appraise the estate of "Esther Soule late of said Middleborough deced" [The appointment was also recorded, 33: 432.]

[From original inventory] The inventory was taken by "Nath[ll] Thomson", "W[m] Tomson" and Thomas Bennet, on 29 June, 1793, and sworn to by all three on 5 September, 1793. No real estate was mentioned. John Soule, executor, made oath to the inventory on 7 October, 1793. [The inventory was also recorded, 33 : 432.]

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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[p. 48] In middleborough may the 3 : 1759 Then Perez Cobb and Abiah Richmond both of middleborough In the County of plymouth being Lawfully published Were Joyned in marriage by me Eben[r] Hinds baptist minister

September the 21[st] 1759 in middleborough Then Edward Sherman of middleborough in the County of Plymouth and Lucia Hathaway in freeton County of Bristol were Joyned in marriage by me Eben[r] Hinds Baptist minister

December 20 1759 in middleborough Then Stephen Smith and Judah Reynolds both of middleborough in the County of Plymouth were Joyn[d] in marriage by me Eben[r] Hinds Baptist minister

Jan[r] the 3[d] 1760 in middleborough Then George Douglass & Prudence Caswell both of middleborough in the County of plimouth were Joyned in marriage by me Eben[r] Hinds Baptist minister

middleborough April the 3[d] 1760 Then John Haskins and mieriam Caswell both of middleborough in the County of plimouth were Joyn[d] in marriage by me Ebenezer Hinds baptist minister

middleborough April 16 : 1760 Then James Hathaway of Taunton in the County of Bristol and Abigiel Peirce of middleborough in the County of Plimouth were Joyn[d] in marriage by me Ebenezer Hinds Baptist minister

Middleborough April the 20 : 1760 Then Job Hunt Resident in Middleborough and Abiah Allen of the Same Town in the County of Plimouth were Joyn[d] in marriage by me Eben[r] Hinds Baptist minister

Middleborough April 28 : 1760 Then Levy Rounsevell & Betty Howland both of middleborough In the County of Plimouth were Joyn[d] in marriage by me Ebenezer Hinds Baptist mister

Middleborough July the 24 : 1760 Then m^r John Harlow & m^rs Joanna Thomas both of middleborough, in the County of Plimouth were Joyn^d in marriage by me Eben^r Hinds Baptist minister

Middleborough November the 5 : 1760 Then m^r John Nelson of middleborough in the County of Plimouth and M^rs Hope Rounsevell of Freetown in the County of Bristol were Joyn^d in marriage by me Ebenezer Hinds Baptist Minister

Middleborough Feb^y the 11 : 1761 Then Levy Peirce and Basheba Babbit both of middleborough in the County of plimouth were Joyn^d in marriage by me Eben^r Hinds Baptist Minister

Middleborough Feb^y the 12 : 1761 Then Jacob Samson & Allis Clerk both of Middleborough in the County of plimouth were Joyn^d in marriage by me Eben^r Hinds Baptist Minister

[p. 49] Middleborough Feb^y 26 : 1761 Then Joseph Bennett & Mary Winslow both of middleborough in the County of Plimouth were Joyn^d in marriage by me Eben^r Hinds Baptist Minister

This Certifies that Joseph Drake of Taunton and Lydia Frye of middleborough being Lawfully published were join^d in marriage in Middleborough on July 24 : 1760 by Isaac Backus Baptist Minister

middleborough may the 28 : 1761 Then Job Peirce & Elisabeth Rounsevel both of middleborough in the County of plimouth were Joyn^d in marriage by me Eben^r Hinds Baptist minister

Plimouth Ss middleborough October 8^th 1761 This Certifies that Abijah Nichols of Killingly in Connetticut and Lydia wood of middleborough were this Day joyn^d in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justice of peace

Plimouth Ss Hallifax Oct^r 22^d 1761 This Certifies that Seth Tinkham of middleborough & Eunice Soul of Hallifax were this Day joyn^d in marriage at s^d Hallifax by me Joseph Tinkham Justice of peace

This Certifies that Micah Turner of Raynham and mary Eaton of middleborough being Lawfully published were joined in marriage in middleborough on October 1 : 1761 By Isaac Backus Baptist minister

Plimouth Ss middleberough January 12 : 1762. This Certifies that moses wood of middleborough and Lydia waterman of Hallifax were this Day Joynd in marriage in S^d Middleborough by me Joseph Tinkham Justice peace

Plimouth Ss middleborough Jan^r 14 : 1762 This Certifies that William Fuller & Deborah Rider both of middleborough

were joyn^{d} in marriage at S^{d} middleborough by me Joseph Tinkham Justice peace

Middleborough august y^{e} 6 . 1761 Then m^{r} Abraham Peirce & m^{rs} Priscilla Reed Both of middleborough in The County of plimouth were Joined in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

Middleborough Sep^{r} y^{e} 1 : 1761 Then m^{r} Job Simmons and m^{rs} Elisabeth Howland both of middleborough in the County of Plimouth were joined in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

Novem^{r} the 26 : 1761 Then m^{r} Robart Hoar and m^{rs} Rachal Haskins both of middleborough in the County of Plimouth were join^{d} in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

Plimouth Ss: march 24th 1762 This Certifies that David Vaughan of middleborough and Phebe Washburn of Plymton were this Day Joyn^{d} in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justice of peace

This Certiffies that David Bryant and Lucy Bryant both of middleborough were join^{d} in marriage on Jan^{r} 14 : 1762 by Isaac Backus Baptist minister

Middleborough march the 4 1762 Then m^{r} David niles & m^{rs} mary Caswell both of middleborough in The County of plimouth Were Joned in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

(*To be continued*)

NOTES BY THE EDITOR

Soane—Tubbs. The inventory of William Soane, of Scituate, is printed, in regular course, in the "Plymouth Colony Wills and Inventories", on page 132 of this issue; but the will was entered 133 pages later, in the original record. For convenient reference, therefore, we here present an exhaustive abstract of the will of William Soane, also an exhaustive abstract of the antenuptial agreement between his widow, Dorothy Soane, and William Tubbs, Sr.

It is interesting to note that William Soane died 8 February, 1672, and on or before 2 April, 1672, his widow was engaged to marry William Tubbs, Sr.

[Plym. Col. Wills, 3:1:171] "Willam Soane of Scittuate" made his will on 21 August, 1671. Bequests were as follows.

To "Dorethy my loveing wife my house and land wherin I now Dwell lying in Scittuate; to be Injoyed by her Imediately after my Death, During her life; and after the Decease of the said Dorethy my wife, I give my said house and land, to my Daughter Mary .... provided my said wife Doe not Mary; but in case my said wife Doe Marry againe then my will is that my house and land aforesaid; I Give to my Daughter Mary aforsaid when shee Cometh to the age of twenty and one yeers;"

To "Dorethy my wife afore said all my moveable Goods and other estate, my Debts being first payed; whom I Doe heerby make the sole executrix of this my last will"

"I appoint my trusty and welbeloved Cosen Charles Stockbridge; and my Cosen James Torrey to be the overseers of this my last will"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Walter Briggs and Thomas King.

Walter Briggs made oath to the will, in court, 29 October, 1672, before Josiah Winslow, Assistant.

"Thomas Kinge of Scittuate" made oath to the will, 5 November, 1672, before Thomas Prence, Governor.

[Plym. Col. Deeds, 3:222] On 23 March, 1671/2, [2 April, 1672, in New Style dating.] "I Willam Tubbs seni[r] of Duxburrow .... acknowlidge, that I have engaged unto Dorrethy Soanes of Scittuate .... incase of Marriage, with her to Give and make over unto her the said Dorrethy Soanes my hou[se] and land att Namassakeesett; the land belonging to the said house, being by estimation ten acrees, more or lesse; and alsoe foure acrees of meddow or therabouts, lying in the woods towards Joness River pond; which abovesaid house and land I .... Doe by these p[r]sents engage, to make over feirmly by writing, unto the said Dorrethy according to Law before my marriage with her that if it should please God to take away mee .... by Death before her .... that shee shall enjoy the said house and land and meddow During her life; and after her Decease to returne to my heires, I alsoe .... Doe engage that the said Dorrethy [p. 223] Dorrethy shall have the Disposing of her bedd, and Iron pott, and kettle and two hatchells att her Death;"

The witnesses were Anthony Dodson and Joseph Woodworth.

"this was ordered by the Court held att Plymouth the 8[th] of June 1672 to be heer entered;"

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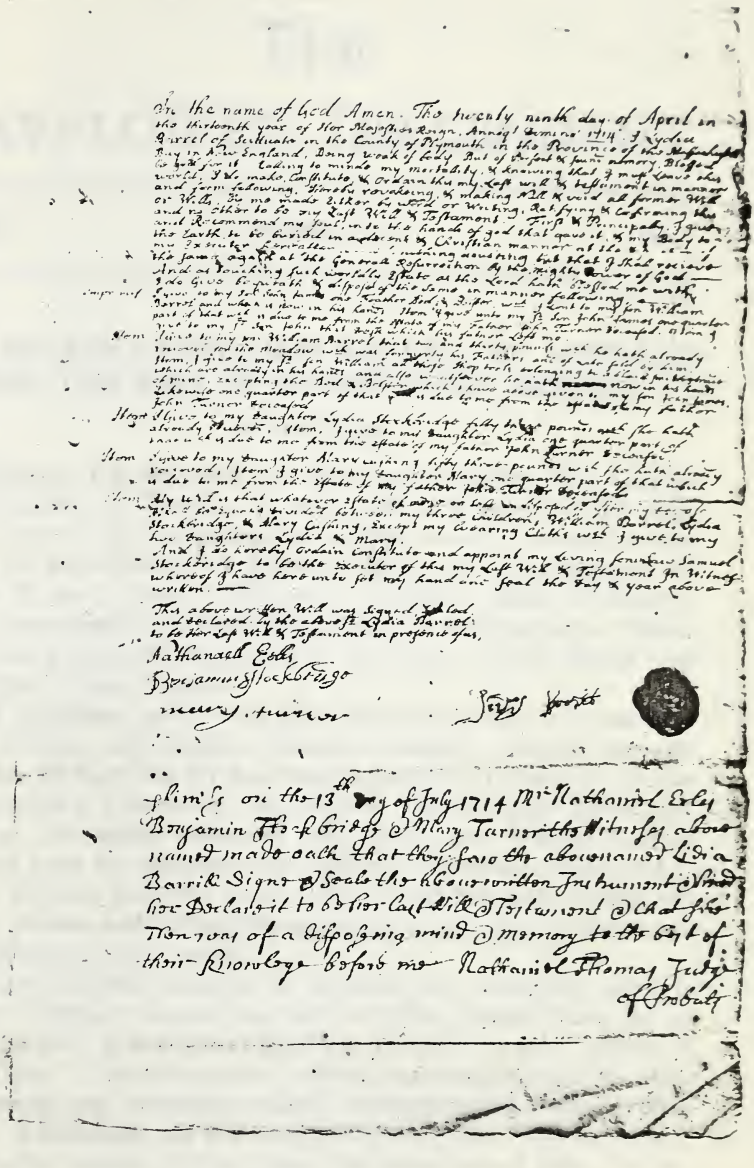

THE WILL OF LYDIA (TURNER) (JAMES) BARRELL

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THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM BARRELL OF SCITUATE AND THE WILL OF WIDOW LYDIA BARRELL

BY THE EDITOR

THROUGH the generosity of one of our members, Mrs. George H. Woodman, of Boston, we were able to present, in the July, 1917, issue of this magazine, the probate records relating to the estate of John James, of Scituate, Mass., the first husband of Lydia Turner[4] (*Mary*[3] *Brewster, Jonathan*[2], *Elder William*[1]), with a reproduction of the original bond of administration, which bears the autograph signatures of the widow, Lydia James, and her father, John Turner.

An additional gift from Mrs. Woodman, who is descended from William and Lydia (Turner) (James) Barrell, through their son William Barrell, has made it possible to reproduce, in the accompanying illustration, the original will of Lydia Barrell, of Scituate, the double widow of John James and William Barrell. We also print an exhaustive abstract of the probate records relating to William Barrell's estate, with a complete copy of the will of his widow, and exhaustive abstracts of all other probate records relating to her estate.

In the original records of Scituate, the following entry is found: "William Barrell married to Lydah James th 20 day of Aprell 1680". A much later hand has added the words "widow of John James"; but this modern addition was not a part of the original record, and, therefore, should not be accepted without verification. Fortunately we find conclusive proof that "Lydah James" was Lydia, widow of John James and daughter of John Turner,

in the settlement of the estate of John James, in which his widow is called the daughter of John Turner, and in the will of Lydia Barrell herself, in which she mentions her "son John James", her "son William Barrell", her "Daughter Lydia Stockbridge", her "son in Law Samuel Stockbridge" and her "Daughter Mary Cushing", and several times refers to "my Father John Turner Deceased".

We are very fortunate in being able to reproduce, in consecutive issues of this magazine, two original documents, each bearing the autograph signature of Lydia the daughter of John Turner, but each signed with a different name. When she signed her bond as administratrix of her first husband's estate, on 5 March, 1678/9, she was the widow Lydia James. When she signed her own will, thirty-five years later, on 29 April, 1714, she was the widow Lydia Barrell.

The settlement of William Barrell's estate and the will of Lydia Barrell follow, the proper reference, to the records or files, being given with each copy or abstract.

[Estate of William Barrell]

[Plym. Co. Wills, 1:48] On 14 February, 1688/9, an inventory of "the Goods and Chattels of M^{r} William Barrill late of Scituate Deceased" was taken by Robert Stetson and Jeremiah Hatch. Interesting items are: "Smiths Tooles in the shop vizt Anvel Beakhorne Vice hamers Small tooles" £10, 10s.; "a pair of Smiths Bellows" £3; "about Six hundred weight of unwrought Iron" £6, 10s.; "Steele" £1; "Char Coal" £5; "Sea Coale" 6s.; "$\frac{1}{3}$ part of a Sloope" £16, 13s. No real estate was mentioned.

"Lidia Barrill Relict Widdow of M^{r} William Barrill" made oath to the inventory 5 March, 1689/90, at Scituate, before William Bradford, Deputy Governor, and John Cushing, Assistant.

"Scituate March y^{e} 5th $16\frac{8}{9}\frac{9}{0}$: Administration is Granted p^{r} William Bradford Deputy Govern^{r} and John Cushing Assistant unto Liddia Barrill of Scituate Relict Widdow of M^{r} William Barrill late of Scituate"

[From original bond] On 5 March, 1689/90, Lydia Barrell, widow, as administratrix, gave a bond of £50 sterling, with Jonathan Turner and Joseph Turner as sureties. The bond was not signed and was not recorded.

[Will of Lydia (Turner) (James) Barrell]

[From original will] "In the name of God Amen. The twenty ninth day of April in the thirteenth year of Her Majesties Reign, Annoq^{e} Domini 1714, I Lydia Barrel of Scittuate in the County of Plymouth in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England, Being weak of body, But of Perfect & sound memory, Blessed be god for it: Calling to minde my mortallity, & Knowing that I must Leave this world, I do make, Constitute, & Ordain this my Last will & testament in manner and form following, Hereby revokeing, & making Null & void all former Will or Wills, by me made Either by word or Writing, Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will, & Testament: First & Principally, I give and Recommend my soul, into the hands of god that gave it, & my Body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent & Christian manner, at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named, nothing doubting but that I shall recieve the same again at the Generall Resurrection by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord hath blessed me with, I do Give, bequeath, & dispose of the Same in manner following;

"Imprimis I Give to my Son John James one Feather Bed & Bolster, w^{ch} I Lent to my son William Barrel, and which is now in his hands: Item I give unto my s^{d} Son John James one quarter part of that w^{ch} is due to me from the Estate of my Father John Turner Deceased: Item, I give to my s^{d} Son John that Desk which his father Left me.

"Item I Give to my son William Barrel that two and thirty pounds w^{ch} he hath already recieved for the meadow w^{ch} was formerly his Fathers and of Late sold by him. Item, I give to my s^{d} son William all those Shop tools belonging to a black smiths trade which are already in his hands; and also whatsoever he hath now in his hands of mine, Excepting the Bed & Bolster which I have above given to my son John James. Likewise one quarter part of that w^{ch} is due to me from the Estate of my father John Turner Deceased

"Item I Give to my Daughter Lydia Stockbridge fifty three pounds w^{ch} she hath already recieved; Item: I give to my Daughter Lydia one quarter part of that w^{ch} is due to me from the Estate of my father John Turner Deceased.

"Item I Give to my Daughter Mary Cushing fifty three pounds w^{ch} she hath already recieved; Item I give to my Daughter Mary one quarter part of that which is due to me from the Estate of my father John Turner Deceased.

"Item My Will is that whatever Estate of mine, be left undisposed off after my Decease shall be Equally Divided between my three Children, William Barrel, Lydia Stockbridge, & Mary Cushing, Except my Wearing Cloths w^{ch} I give to my two Daughters Lydia & Mary.

"And I do hereby Ordain Constitute and appoint my Loving son in Law Samuel Stockbridge to be the Executor of this my Last Will & Testament In Witnes whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the Day & year above written.

This above written Will was Lidy barrel (seal)
Signed, Sealed and Declared by the
above s^{d} Lydia Barrel to be Her Last
Will & Testament in presence of us,
Nathanaell Eells
Benjamin Stockbridge
mary turner

"plim ss on the 13th day of July 1714 M^{r} Nathaniel Eeles Benjamin Stockbridge & Mary Turner the Witneses above named made oath that they saw the above named Lidia Barrill Signe & Seale the above written Instrument & heard her Declare it to be her last Will & Testament & that she then was of a disposeing mind & memory to the best of their knowlege before me Nathaniel Thomas Judge of Probate"

[On the back of the original will] On 13 July, 1714, at Marshfield, "The Will of Lidia Barrill late of Sittuate" was proved, before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate, and administration "Comitted unto Samuel Stockbridge her son in Law & sole Executor in the same Will named". [The will and probate were also recorded, 3 : 327.]

[From original inventory] "A true Inventory of all and Singulare y^{e} goods Chattls and Cridits of Lidiah Barrill deceased prised at Scittuate on y^{e} first day of July 1714" by Job Otis and Amos Turner. No real estate is mentioned. The total amount of the inventory was £139, 18s., 8d. Interesting items are: "her purs"* £6, 7s., 2d.; "5 Sutes of Apparell both Lining and woolling" £25; "her books" £1, 2s.; "a Square bed bolster 2 pillows Curtins beadstead Curtin Rods and Cord" £12; "an other feather bead bolster Curtins Curtin Rods beadstead and Cord" £7; "an other feather bead and bolster" £4; "8 paire of y^{e} best sheets" £10; "2 paire of Specktekels" 5s.; "2 Looking glases" 8s.; "6 vialls of Oyles" 10s.; "a still Copper worms and apurtenances" £4; "mony due upon bonds" £32, 12s., 6d.

* That is, cash on hand.

On 13 July, 1714, Samuel Stockbridge, executor, made oath to this "Inventory of the Estate of his Mother in law Lidia Barrill" before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate.

[The inventory was also recorded, 3 : 329.]

PLYMOUTH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 93*)

[p. 31] The Child of James Carver, & Hope Carver his Wife
James Carver Born Sep^{t} 28 . 1757.
Children of Elisha Nelson & Abigail his wife
1. George William born June 3d . 1823
2. Hannah Thomas born Aug^{t} 15th . 1828
The Child of John Cobb, & Hannah Cobb his Wife
Joannah Cobb, Born Dec^{r} 4 . 1759 . is Entred page 18th*
Children of Charles Nelson & Lucy his wife.
1. Lucy born July, 29 . 1830
2. Charles born June, 7, 1833
3. Harriet born May, 16, 1836.
[p. 32] The Child of John Totman, & Elizabeth Totman his Wife
1 John Totman Born, Dec^{r} 26 . 1759
Reubin Totman Born June 23rd 1766
Asaph Totman born May 4th 1769
Children of Lemuel Bradford & Bathsheba his wife
1. Lemuel, born May 22d . 1813
2. Charles, born Jan^{y} 28th . 1821
3. Winslow, born Nov^{r} 4th . 1826
4 Lydia Nelson Mar : 29th . 1830
5 Hannah Everson, Mar : 26 . 1833
6 Ebenezer Nelson, Oct^{r} 31 . 1836.
The Children of Cornelius Holmes Jun^{r} & Lydia Holmes his Wife
1. Cornelius Holmes Born Dec^{r} 3 . 1754.
2. Benjamin Holmes Born, Dec^{r} 16 . 1759.
The Children of Daniel Prat, & Lydia Prat, his Wife
1. Lydia Prat Born Augst 27 . 1760.
2. Hopefull Prat Born Sep^{t} 25 . 1761.
3 William Cobb Pratt born Feb^{ry} 21st 1764
4 Daniel Pratt . born Dec^{r} 12th 1765
5 Ruth . Pratt . born April 30th 1768
6 Joshua Pratt . born June 20th 1770

* This family was recorded in full on original page 18.

[p. 33] The Child of Samuell Calderwood, & Priscilla Calderwood his Wife.

Sam[ll] Calderwood, Born, Sep[t] 1 . 1761

The Children of William LeBaron & Sarah his Wife

1 William born November 9[th] 1775 deceased the 17[th]

2 Sarah born December 16[th] 1776 mondy morn eight OClock A.M

Twins { 3 Mary born August 27[th] 1778 } Thursday ten OClock
{ 4 Lucy born August 27[th] 1778 } A.M

5 Priscilla born March 7[th] 1781 Wednesday four OClock A.M.

6 Eliza . born May 1785

The Children of Solomon Holmes, & Abigail Holmes his Wife

1. Nathaniel Holmes, Born, Nov[r] 19[th] 1760.

2. Abigail Holmes, Born . July . 4 . 1762.

3. Solomon Holmes . Born Jan[ry] 1 1764

4 Thomas Holmes Born

The Above named Abigail Holmes Deceas[d] Nov[r] 15[th] 1766

Children of W[m] Hall & Susan his wife,

1. Susan Williams, born, 1834 . December 23d

2. John Frederick, born, 1837 . April . 22d

3. William Curtis, born, 1839 . January 12th

Children of Andrew Mackie & Hitty his wife.

1. Andrew born February 21 . 1823

2. John Howel Mackie, born Aug[t] 24 . 1826.

[p. 34] The Children of Samuel Donham Jun[r] & Susannah his Wfe

1 Samuel Donham borne . Oct[r] 9[th] 1758

2. Elizabeth Donham born Jan[ry] 31 . 1761

3 Susannah Donham born May 20[th] 1763

4 Deborah Donham born Sep[t] 24[th] 1765

5 Ichabod Donham born Jan[ry] 8[th] 1768

6 Elijah Donham . born Feb[ry] 3[rd] 1770 Deceas[d] Sep[t] 30[th] 1773

7 Nath[ll] Thomas Donham born March 18[th] 1772 Deceas[d] Octob[r] 28[th] 1773

8 Nansey Donham born Nov[r] 11[th] 1774

9 Ephraim Donham born Jan[ry] 6[th] 1777 Deceas[d] Jan[ry] 5[th] 1786

10 Andrew . Donham born June 23[rd] 1779

11 Lewis . Donham born Aug: 28[th] 1785

1761. The Children of John Donham, & Mary Donham, his Wife

1. Moses Donham Born Jan[ry] 23[rd] 1757.

2. Mary Donham, Born, Dec[r] 16[th] 1758.

3 Salome Donham Born Ap[r] 12 : 1762

4 John Donham Born Nov[r] 16[th] 1764

Children of James Hall and Mary his Wife
1. Isaac Thomas, born June 29th . 1834
Children of John Thomas & Hannah his Wife
Eunice Burr Thomas born Ap^{l} 7 . 1824
[p. 35] The Children of James Warren Esq^{r}, & M^{rs} Marcy Warren his Wife
1. James Warren Born Oct^{r} y^{e} 18th 1757. [*Died 1821**]
2. Winslow Warren Born March 24th 1759. Deceas^{d} Nov^{r} 4th 1791
3. Charles Warren, Born, April . 14 . 1762. Deceas^{d} at S^{t} Lucar in Spain Nov^{r} 30th 1784
4. Henry Warren Born March 21 . 1764. [*Died 1828**]
5 George Warren born Sep^{t} 20 . 1766 Deceas^{d} at Augusta District of Main Feb^{ry} 1800

James Warren Esq^{r} the father of the above famely Deceas^{d} Nov^{r} 28th 1808
The Children of Henry Warren Esq^{r} & Mary his wife
1 Marcia Otis Warren Sep^{t} 26th 1792 [*Died 1858**]
2 Winslow Warren Jan^{ry} 14 1795
3. Pelham Winslow Warren Jan^{ry} 14th 1797 [*Died 1848**]
4 Charles Henry Warren Sep^{t} 29th 1798
5 James Warren March 6th . 1801 deceas^{d} Feb^{ry} 12th 1814
6 Mary Ann Warren Sep^{t} 2nd 1803 [*Died 1834**]
7 Richard Warren June 5th 1805
8. George . Warren April 10th 1807 [*Died 1855**]
9 Edward . Warrin Sep^{t} 8th 1809
The Children of William Bradford & Alice his wife
1. Mary Ann born January 15 . 1822.
2. Alice S born October 26 . 1823.
3. Nancy born Nov^{r} 24 . 1827
4. William born Aug^{t} 11 . 1829
5. Eudora born June 9 . 1831
[p. 36] The Children of Nathaniel Morton & Mary his wife
1 Nathaniel Morton Borne April 13th 1747 Deceas^{d} Augst 8th 1758
2. Nathaniel Morton Borne July . 3rd 1749 Decas^{d} July 17th 1753
3 Lemuel Morton Borne July 9th 1757 new Stile Dec^{d} 1827
The Children of Peleg Faunce & Olive his Wife
1. Daniel Wooster†, born Jany 3d . 1829
2. Caroline Augusta, born May 23d . 1833.

* The entries printed in italics are additions in pencil, and all in one hand, therefore made in 1858, or later.

† "Wooster" has been crossed out with pencil, and "Worcester" interlined in a different hand and ink.

The Chilldren of Joseph Pearse & Rebeckah his Wife
1 Joseph Pearse borne Oct^{r} 11th 1749
2 Elizabeth Pearse borne Aug: 28th 1751
3 Rebeckah Pearse borne Nov^{r} 11 . 1753
Robert King and Eliza his Wife, their children
1. Eliza Ann, born May 15th . 1834
2. Robert Williams born March 12 . 1837.
3. Hannah Lewis born March . 29 . 1839.

(*To be continued*)

UNRECORDED BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEEDS

(*Continued from page 121*)

THE abstracts printed in this issue were made in March, 1909, from original deeds owned by Mr. Henry Arey of Yarmouthport, Mass. None of these deeds had been recorded.

[JABEZ SPARROW TO JOSHUA GOULD AND THOMAS AREY]

"Jabez Sparrow of orleans .... Gentleman." for $71.00, sold to "Joshua Gould and Thomas ary of orleans .... yeomen .... in Equil proportion that my peace of Land in orleans that was Crisp Rogerses Bounded on the westerly side by the Kenwrickses Land on the southerly End and Easterly side by Dec^{n} Rogerses Land on the Northerly End by the way that Lead from Chatham Rode to Hezekiah Rogerses Being Eighteen acors more or Less"

The deed was dated 2 January, 1800, and witnessed by Isaac Sparrow and Nathaniel Knowles. It was acknowledged the same day, before Isaac Sparrow, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[PAUL NICKERSON TO THOMAS AREY]

"I Paul Nickerson of Orrington in the County of Hancock Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman", for $15.00, sold to "Thomas Arey of Allends County of Barnstable & Commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman .... all my right title Intrest & Possession of a Piece of Woodland .... in the Townn of [*Eastham**] Allends be-

* The original reads as copied, "Allends" following "Eastham" through which a line was drawn. Orleans was a part of Eastham, Mass., until 1797.

ing butted & bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at the North East Corner of Land formerly in possesion of Dr Samuel Kenwrick, thence running about South West Sixty Rods to a heap of Stones Tence Southeasterly in Joshua Mayo's Range Thirty Rods to a Stone set in the Ground, Thence North Easterly Forty four Rods to a Stone in the Ground Thence North Westerly Thirty four Rods to the first mentioned bound of Place began at .... In Witness whereof, I the said Paul Nickerson Togather with Mary Nickerson Wife of said Paul in token of her Relinquishment of her Right of Dowr have hereunto set our Hands"

The deed was dated 21 June, 1800, and witnessed by Enoch Mudge and Simeon Fowler. It was acknowledged the same day, in Hancock County, by Paul Nickerson only, before Simeon Fowler, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Moses and Mary Mayo to Thomas Arey]

"I moses mayo of Harwich .... yeoman and I mary mayo Wife of said moses mayo", for $15.00, sold to "Thomas Ary of orleans .... yeoman .... all that our peace of wood Land Lying in Harwich Bounded on the Easterly side by said arys Land on the southerly End by Eliakim Higgenses Land on the westerly side by Barnabas Twinings Land on the northerly End by Hatsel Higgenses Land Being two acors more or Less"

The deed was dated 16 November, 1801, signed by "moses mayo" and "mary mayo", and witnessed by "Danil Rogers" and "Lydia rogers". It was not acknowledged or recorded.

[Richard Rogers to Thomas Arey]

"Richard Rogers of orleans .... yeoman", for $40.00, sold to "Thomas ary of orleans .... yeoman .... all that my peace of Land in orleins Lying on the Northerly sid of Potenummicut River Bounded Begning at the North west corner of said Land on the souherly side of way that Leads to Lot Higginses Runing Easterly by said way to said arys Land thence southerly as the fence now stands to the River thence westerly and Northerly by the River and pond to the first Bound (Resarving the previlig of takeing off my Buildings in the space of one year from the Date heare of)"

The deed was dated 26 November, 1804, and witnessed by Judah Rogers and "Nathanel Knowles". It was acknowledged, 1 April, 1805, before Timothy Bascom, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Thomas Arey to Joseph Arey]

"Thomas arey of orleans .... yeoman", for $5.00, sold to "Joseph Arey of oleans .... yearman .... all my Right in the undevided Land meadow and Sedge ground in the Severiel proppriatees in the South part of Eastham"

The deed was dated 12 April, 1807, and witnessed by Mercy Arey. It was not acknowledged or recorded.

(*To be continued*)

BARNSTABLE, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 128*)

[p. 207] The names of Persons Entered with the Town Clerk In order for Publishing their Intentions of marriage &c from this Date and onwards Viz

m^r^ Elpalet Loring & m^rs^ Abigail Gillman both of Barnstable Sept^r^ 22^d^ 1764

Nicholas Cobb of this Town & Ann Perry of Sandwich Oct^r^ y^e^ 6^th^ 1764

Jesse Couet of Barnstable & Prissilla Elis of Nantucket now Resident in Barns^bl^ oct^r^ 20^th^ 1764

Samuel Bearse & Sarah Bearse Both of Barnstable oct^r^ 27^th^ 1764

Ebenezer Gorham of Barnstable & Hope Carver of Plymouth Nov^r^ 17^th^ 1764

oris Cobb and Theodate Lewis both of Barnstable Nov^r^ 17^th^ 1764

Jonathan Sturgis & Temperance Gorham both of Barnstable Jan^y^ 5^th^ 1765

Joseph Smith & mary Basset both of Barnstable Jan^y^ 26 1765

Joseph Linnel & Susanna Cobb Jn^r^ both of Barnstable Feb^y^ y^e^ 2^d^ 1765

Hezekiah Jackson of Plymouth & Elizabeth Thacher of Barnstable Feb^y^ 23^d^ 1765

Barnabas Crocker & Ann Smith both of Barnstable march 2^d^ 1765

John Bates Jn^r^ & Hannah Cammet both of Barnstable march y^e^ 8^th^ 1765

Nye Jones & Deborah Crocker Both of Barnstable march y^e^ 30^th^ 1765

Nathan Bacon of Barnstable & mary Taylor of yarmouth April y^e^ 6^th^ 1765

John Parcefull of Barnstable & mary Snow of Harwich April y^e^ 27^th^ 1765

Bezaleel Waste of Dartmouth & Joanna Cannon of Barns^b^ Sep^t^ 16^th^ 1765

David Blachford of Barnstable & Elizabeth Ellis of province Town Sep^t^ y^e^ 21^st^ 1765

Josiah Crocker & Deborah Davis Sept^r^ 21^st^ 1765 both of Barnstable

James Lothrop & Rebecca Paine both of Barnstable Oct^r^ 19^th^ 1765

Lemuel Howland of Sandwich & Abigail Hamblen of Barnstable Oct^r^ 26^th^ 1765

Joseph Palmer of falmouth & Thankfull Davis of Barnstable Nov^r^ 6^th^ 1765

Joseph Barnabas Indian man of Barnstable & Ruth Ralph Indian woman of Eastham Nov^r^ 23^d^ 1765

Zacheus Allen of falmouth & Thankfull Thacher of Barnstable Dec^r^ 7^th^ 1765

Thomas Gorham Jn^r^ of Barnstable & Rebecca Jones of yarmouth Dec^r^ 14^th^ 1765

Edward Bacon Esq^r^ of Barnstable & mrs Rachel Doane of wellfleet Dec^r^ 21 1765

M^r^ Matthias fuller & miss Lydia Blossom both of Barnstable Dec^r^ 26 1765

M^r^ Nathaniel Crocker & miss Catherine Bridgham both of Barns^ble^ Jan^y^ 25^th^ 1766

Joshua Ralph & Rachel Ralph Indians of Barnstable Jan^y^ 25^th^ 1766

Nathan foster & mercy Smith both of Barnstable february 21^st^ 1766

Joseph Goodspeed y^e^ 3^d^ & Hannah Bodfish both of Barnstable march 26^th^ 1766

Edmund Hawes of this Town & Hannah Snow of Eastham march 30^th^ 1766

John Bursley and mary Howland Both of this Town april 11^th^ 1766

Benjamin Goodspeed & Susanna Smith Both of this Town April 26^th^ 1766

Asa Crocker & Thankfull Cobb Jn^r^ both of this Town April 26^th^ 1766

Timothy Hinckley & mary Goodspeed (may y^e^ 17^th^ 1766) Both of this Town

Benjamin Hamblen & mehetable Childs both of this Town may 31^th^ 1766

Sam^ll^ Scudder & Rachel Lewes both of this Town July 2^d^ 1766

[p. 209] The Children of Joshua Lumbart (Son To m^r^ Sam^l^ Lumbart) and Jane his first wife
Their Son Timothy Born may y^e^ 10 1757*
Their Daughter Sarah Born January 10^th^ 1758*
His Children by his Second wife Hannah
a Daughter mary born feb^y^ 7^th^ 1764
Southworth Hamblin, Tabitha his Wife Their Children
their Daughter Bethiah Born July 3^d^ 1758
their Son Eleazer Born march 25^th^ 1760
their Son Southworth Born April 12^th^ 1762

[p. 212] Marriages Solemnized By the Rev^d^ Oakes Shaw . viz
Benjamin Hamblen j^r^ & Jerusha Hamblen . octo^r^ 9^th^ 1760
Jabez Claghorn & Eunice Davis . Nov^r^ 21 . 1760
Jesse Crosby & Ruth Goodspeed . Nov^r^ 27 . 1760
Benjamin Hamlen 3^d^ & Drusilla Dexter . Nov^r^ 27 . 1760
Christopher Tayler & Hannah Howland . Jan^y^ 15 1761
Jeremiah Jo and Hannah Tunegin . Feb^r^ 18 . 1761
John Gray & Mary Otis . May : 14 . 1761
Isaac Hinckly Jr Town Cler, Transmitted to the County Clerk July 20 1761

Jabez Goodspeed & Margarett Basset august 4^th^ 1761
James Coleman j^r^ & Zeruiah Thomas Sep^t^ 24 : 1761
Lot Jankins & Mary Howland oct^r^ 22 1761
John Marston & mary Crocker Jn [†] 1762
Levi Chase of Sandwich & Hannah Blossom Sep^t^ 23 1762
James Lovell & Martha Fuller Dec^r^ 9 : 1761
Benj^n^ Howland & Anna Crocker March 15 : 1763
Nathan Cannon & Thankfull Basset March 23 1763
TransMitted to the Clerk of the Sessions Jan^ry^ 1 : 1764
Joseph Howland & Elizebath Lovell March 1763
Jabez Bursley & Susanna Crocker april 1763
Shobael Lovell & mary Fuller august 11 : 1763
Ebenezer Foster and Martha Snow octo^r^ 1763
Richard Sparrow of East Haddam & Deborah Howland Nov^r^ 1763

(*To be continued*)

* Sic.

† The day and month were not recorded.

EAST HARWICH, MASS., GRAVESTONE RECORDS

Communicated by Stanley W. Smith

In September, 1917, the writer, with the assistance of Mr. William C. Smith, copied and carefully checked the inscriptions on all the gravestones in the Old Methodist Cemetery in East Harwich, Mass., on the north side of the old highway from Chatham to North Harwich. The inscription on the only remaining stone in an abandoned cemetery on the west side of the main road between East Harwich and Harwich Centre, and about two miles from the Methodist Church at East Harwich, was copied the same day.

The following abstracts include all the information contained in these inscriptions.

[In Abandoned Cemetery]

Ryder, Harding, Jr., died 14 October, 1843, aged 27 years.

[In Old Methodist Cemetery]

Baker, Anthony, died 24 April, 1853, aged 87 years, 4 months, 24 days.

Baker, Joseph, died 13 April, 1831, aged 44.

Baker, Mehitable, wife of Anthony, died 8 December, 1815, aged 50.

Bassett, Nathaniel, died 4 January, 1832, aged 77 years.

Eldridge, Mrs.,* wife of Seth, died 17 November, 1827, aged 45.

Eldredge, Elizabeth, wife of William, Esq., died 19 May, 1833, aged 75.

Eldredge, Huldah, wife of Washington, died 3 October, 1827, aged 47.

Eldridge, Isaiah, died 1 November, 1828, aged 65.

Eldredge, Judah, died 13 February, 1837, in his 93d year.

"Farewell to all below the sun Friends, neighbors, children all in one"

Eldredge, Mercy, wife of Judah, died 13 October, 1829, in her 81st year.

Eldridge, Sally, wife of Bani, Jr.; "& late wife of Washington Eldridge"; died 23 December, 1840, in her 48th year.

Eldredge, Seth, died 1 November, 1851, aged 73.

* The given name was not put on the stone.

Eldredge, Tamson, wife of Isaiah, died 20 May, 1846, aged 82 years, 2 months, 16 days.
Eldredge, Washington, died 28 October, 1851, aged 75 years.
Eldredge, William, Esq., died 17 March, 1836, aged 78.
Nickerson, Louisa H., daughter of Phineas and Mary, died 5 August, 1837, aged 2 years, 7 weeks.
Nickerson, Phineas, died 16 July, 1813, aged 80 years.
Small, Benjamin, died 21 January, 1807, in his 75th year.
Small, Bridget, "widow of M^{r} Benj^{m} Small late of Harwich", died 15 March, 1812, in her 83d year. "She was .... a tender Mother."
Small, Melinda, wife of Nathaniel, died 11 November, 1827, aged 25.
W——, D., died 2 December, 1866. [Initials only.]
W——, H., died 2 September, 1847. [Initials only.]
W——, M., died 1860. [Initials only.]
W——, S. [Initials only. A broken stone. No date left.]

THE WILL OF EPHRAIM LITTLE[3]

By the Editor

Ephraim Little[3], son of Thomas and Anna[2] (Warren) Little, and grandson of Richard[1] Warren of The Mayflower, was born at Plymouth, 17 May, 1650. The statement is frequently printed that he was born at Marshfield, but the Plymouth Colony Records printed in our sixteenth volume [p. 235] show conclusively that he was born at Plymouth. An interesting deposition, made by him in 1672, will be found in our last issue.* The age therein stated agrees with the birth record at Plymouth.

In the will of Ephraim Little[3], made 7 March, 1715, legacies are given to three sons, two living daughters, and the children of a deceased daughter.

These six children married as follows:

Anna Little[4] married Thomas Gray and died before her father, leaving issue.

Rev. Ephraim Little[4] married Sarah Clarke and died without issue.

Mercy Little[4] married Job Otis, and left issue.

* Mayflower Descendant, XIX: 134.

David Little[4] married Elizabeth Southworth[4] (*Rebecca Pabodie*[3], *Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]), and left issue.

John Little[4] married Constant Fobes[4] [*Martha* (*Pabodie*[3]) *Seabury, Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]], and left issue.

Ruth Little[4] married Rev. John Avery, and left issue.

At the expense of Miss Anna A. Johnson, of Boston, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who is descended from Ephraim Little[3], through his son John Little[4], we here print exhaustive abstracts of all original records, and documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estate of Ephraim Little[3] (*Anna*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]).

[Ephraim Little's Will]

[From original will] On 7 March, 1715, "Ephraim Little of Marshfield .... Yeoman" made his will. Bequests were as follows.

To "Wife Mary Little" £16 "Yearly and Every Yeare, during .... her Naturall life, to be paid by my Son John hereafter Named, in Currant passing money with the Merchants, at the Respective times of payments, for her my Said Wife's Comfort, and Support: But if my Said Wife Shall not Live to Receive the Sum of" £150 "in money at the Yearly payments of Sixteen pounds per Annum as afores[d]: Then what Remaines of the Said" £150 "at my s[d]: Wife's decease, Shall be paid by my Said Son John to my two Daughters Living and the Children of my Daughter Grey Deceased: Viz[t]: One Third part thereof to my Daughter Mercy Otis And one third part to my Daughter Ruth Avery, and One Third part to the Children of my Daughter Gray Deceased:"

To "my afores[d] wife that One bed and furniture, whereon She Usually lyeth, As also the Use & Improvement of One Room in my Now dwelling house, which She Shall make Choice of, for her Comfort During her Naturall Life, If she shall see Cause to dwell there."

To "Ephraim my Eldest Son (Over and Above what he has formerly Received of me) All that my Estate of Housing and Lands, lying and being in Showomett, which I have Lately Given to him by One Certaine Deed .... As Also my Negro Boy Named Elisha:"

To "my Son David Over and Above That Estate of Housing and Lands I have Already Given him at Showomet; my Cane with a Silver Head"

To "my Son John All my Estate of Housing and Lands, and Rights of Lands, which I have or Ought to Have, within the Township of Marshfield, both Upland and Meadows. (Excepting what is hereafter Excepted) Together with All my Tackling Belonging to Husbandry, and my Tooles Belonging to my Trades .... Provided my Said Son John his heirs, Executors, or Administrators, Shall pay .... to his Mother Mary Little my Wife" £16 "per Annum, In Specie, and In manner and forme As aboves[d]: As his duty out of my Estate: And provided that my Said wife Shall dye before She hath Received" £150 "as Aforesaid, if He my Said Son John Shall .... pay all and Every part or parcel If Any there be of the" £150 "to my two Surviving Daughters, and the Children of my Daughter, Anna Grey Deceased, In Manner and forme as is above Expressed."

To "my Daughter Mercy Otis thirty Pounds Out of my personall Estate, to make her up Equall to her Other two Sisters, in What they have Already had"

To "my Daughter Mercy Otis, my Daughter Ruth Avery, and the Children of my Daughter Anna Gray Deceased, My two Lotts of Land lying in pembroke, Containing Sixty Acres .... Also two Lotts of Land lying near to Walter Joyce's in Marshfield, Containing about Fifty Acres .... Also two Lotts of Land lying On the Westerly Side of the Round Swamp, Containing Thirty Acres .... which I purchased of John Rogers. Also One Lott of Land lying in Marshfield, Containing Sixteen Acres .... which I Bought of Benjamin White. Also One Lott of Land lying in Marshfield, Containing forty Acres .... lying in Ragged plaine which I purchased of John Rogers; As also all my personall Estate in Marshfield, or Elswhere, Excepting what I have before in these presents disposed of, And Also what Shall be further Necessary for the Defreying my Funerall Charges, And the payment of my Just Debts: To Have and to Hold all the Said pieces, or parcels of Lands, and my personal Estate as abovesaid, to my Said Surviving Daughters, and the Children of my Daughter Anna Gray Deceased .... In Manner and forme following; Viz[t]: One Third part of the s[d] Estate both Reall and personall, I Give to the Children of my Daughter Gray deceased; And One Third part to my Daughter Mercy Otis; And One Third part to my Daughter Ruth Avery"

"My mind and will is that my Negro Man Named Stuard be kindly and Favourably dealt withall in his Old Age, And that he be allowed, during his Naturall life, for Rest and Recreation, One day in Every Month, Over and Above what the Law Allows."

"Son John Little" was appointed executor.

The witnesses were "Jonath: merritt", "Mary dudson" and Nathaniel Pitcher.

The will was probated, at Marshfield, 24 December, 1717, on the oath of Jonathan Merritt and Mary Dudson, and administration committed "unto his son John Little," by Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate.

Nathaniel Pitcher made oath to the will on 20 April, 1719, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The will and letter were also recorded, 4: 113.]

[From original inventory] The inventory "of Mr Ephraim Little Late of Marshfield who Desesed at Situate Novmber The twenty fourth 1717" was taken, on "January the 22 1717"*, by John Jones and Gilbert Winslow. Some interesting items are: a silver-headed cane, £1, 10s.; an ivory-headed cane, 5s.; "one neigro boy named Elishua" £30; "1 quarter of a sloop" £20.

"Job Otis of Situate" owed the estate £110, 18s., on a bond dated 24 April, 1716, and payable 1 May, 1717.

"mr John Avery of truroe" owed the estate £15, 7s., on a bond dated 24 April, 1716, and payable 1 May, 1717.

"David Little of Situate" owed the estate £26, 1s., on a bond dated 24 April†, and payable 1 May, 1717. He also owed the estate ten bills, of £10 each, one payable on the first day of November, 1714, and one each year thereafter to and including 1723.

John Little owed the estate £178, 4s., on a bond dated 24 April, 1716, and payable 1 May, 1717.

Joseph Sturtevant of Plymouth, Ebenezer Standish of Plympton, Ephraim Norcut and Thomas Dogget were indebted to the estate.

The inventory was sworn to, on 6 February, 1717/18, by "Mr John Little Executor of his fathers Will"

Seven items in the original inventory are not in the record, which is found in Book 4, page 115.

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I GIVE and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

* This is in Old Style. In New Style dating it would be, 2 February, 1718.

† The year was omitted.

PLYMOUTH COLONY WILLS AND INVENTORIES

(*Continued from page 135*)

[Thomas Shaw's Will]

[3:1:42] "Thomas Shaue of Barnstable" made his will 25 June, 1672, and it was exhibited at "the Court held att Plymouth", 1 July, 1672, "on the oathes of Leiftenant Joseph Laythorpe and John Tompson of Barnstable" the two witnesses. Bequests were as follows.

To "my welbeloved kinsman Robert Parker" 40s. "that wilbe Due to mee next Micaelmas" and £7 due from him "next Micaelmas Come three yeare"

To "John Crocker one bobtaild steer, that is in his keeping with all the rents Due to mee from him and three Cowes that hee hath of mine"

To "Joshua Lumbert one Cow that John Crocker hath in keeping of mine"

To "Elder John Chipman one serge suite, Coate and briches; and one new Cloth Coate; and half the money hee hath of mine in his keeping;"

To "James Hamblin Junir the two Cowes that hee hath of mine in keeping;"

To "Ann Annible the wife of Anthony Annible my bed and all my beding"

To "David Linnitt my black troopers Coate;"

"I make my welbeloved frind John Chipman my .... exequitor, that after Debts and Charges payed; to Dispose of the remainder to my kinsmen Robert Parker and Elishas Children as hee sees cause"

The will was signed by a mark.

[p. 43] The inventory was taken "The 2cond of the 5th month* 1672" by Thomas Huckens and Samuel Hinckley, Sr., and "exhibited to the Court held att Plym: the 1 of July 1672 on the oath of Elder Chipman". No real estate is mentioned. Besides those mentioned in the will, Peter Blossom, Edward Tayler and John Otis had some of the personal estate in their hands.

The estate was indebted: to John Tompson; "To Anthony Annible for Comfortable thinges for the said Thomas Shaue and trouble in his sicknes and att his buriall" £2, 19s., 2d.; "Elder

*The fifth month was July, in Old Style.

Chipman mony about his buriall" £1, 9s.; "The Charge brother Annible is allowed for extreordinary trouble and expence for Thomas Shaue for five yeares past is" £2, 10s. "By us to whom it was refered this" 2 September, 1672, Thomas Hinckley, Sr., Thomas Huckens.

"Ann the wife of Anthony Annible" made oath to the inventory, 2 September, 1672, before Thomas Hinckley, Assistant.

[Joseph Biddle's Will]

[p. 44] "Joseph Biddle of Marshfeild" made his will 17 April, 1671, and it was exhibited at "the Court held att Plymouth", 29 October, 1672, on the oath of "M^r^ Josias Winslow Sen^r^", the third witness. The other witnesses were John Bourne and Thomas Doged, the latter signing by a mark. "Thomas Doged and John Bourne made oath to this will November the 4^th^ 1672 before mee Josias Winslow Assistant;"

Bequests were as follows:

To "m^r^ Samuell Arnold one of my Cowes;"

To "the poor of this Towne one of my Cowes;"

To "Jacob Bumpas my Late servant one yearling;"

To "Edward Bumpas seni^r^: a suite of my wearing aparrell"

To "John Branch a suite of my wearing aparrell;"

"I Doe heerby Give all my whole estate remaining both Lands housings goods and Chattles that I ame now posessed of; and alsoe my whole Interest of any lands Graunted by the Court; unto my loveing wife Rachell During her life; and after her Decease, To her Daughter Martha Dean; and shee the said Martha Surviveing her mother, freely to Dispose of all or any p^r^te therof .... makeing my wife and her Daughter, my sole and Joynt exequitrixes"

The will was signed by a mark.

The inventory was taken, 26 September, 1672, by Josias Winslow, Anthony Snow and John Bourne. The real estate was: "his Dwelling house and Lands and outhouses or housings in Marshfeild" no value stated; "his p^r^te of lands that is graunted to him by the Court as hee was a servant of the first Comers into the Country" no value stated.

"Martha Dean made oath to this Inventory .... November the 6^th^ 1672 before Josias Winslow Assistant;"

[Thomas Little's Will]

[Thomas Little's will and inventory, recorded on pages 46 and 47 of the original, were printed in full, in our fourth volume, pages 161 to 164 inclusive.—*Editor.*]

[Inventory of William Evance]

[p. 47] "An Inventory of the estate of Willam Evance of Taunton Deceased" was taken, 15 September, 1671, and 14 June, 1672, by William Harvey, Walter Dean, Aaron Knapp and William Witherell. The real estate was: "the house lott and housing" £40; "an acree and an halfe of meddow" £7, 10s.; "9 acrees of land" £5; "22 acrees of land" £10.

"Anna Evance tooke her oath to the truth of this Inventory" 17 June, 1672, before Constant Southworth, Assistant.

[Will of Thomas Walley, Jr.]

[p. 48] "Mr Thomas Walley Junir: of Sandwich" made his will 6 May, 1672, and it was "exhibited to the Court" at Plymouth, 7 June, 1672, "on the oath of Mr Nathaniel: Bacon". Bequests were as follows.

To "each of my three Children, Thomas Hannah and Elizabeth Walley two ewes"

To "my wife and my said Children; all my English bookes, that are usefull and profitable bookes to be Devided between them, by theire two Grandfathers Mr Thomas Walley and Mr Nathaniel: Bacon, according to theire Wisdome and Discretion;"

"all the Rest of my goods and estate, to my wife Hannah Walley; and make her sole .... exequitrix"

"I Doe leave my three Children to the love and Care of my father mr Thomas Walley; and .... make my said father and my father in law, overseers of this my last will"

The witnesses were William Caseley, Nathaniel Bacon, Sr., and Nathaniel Bacon, Jr. William Caseley made oath to the will, 2 May, 1672, before Thomas Hinckley, Assistant.

The inventory was taken by Thomas Huckens and Thomas Tobey, and was exhibited to the Court, 7 June, 1672. No real estate was mentioned. "Mistris Hannah Walley: viz: the relicte" made oath to the inventory, 27 June, 1672, before Thomas Hinckley, Assistant.

[George Young's Inventory]

[On p. 48²] "Inventory of the estate of Gorge Younge late Deceased taken" 16 October, 1672, by Richard Curtice and Thomas Turner. The only real estate was: "a Dwelling house" £12. "Hannah Young, widdow Deposed to this Inventory before mee Thomas Prence Govr:" 1 December, 1672.

[JOHN HOWLAND'S WILL]

[The will and inventory of John Howland, the Mayflower Passenger, on pages 49 to 54 (both inclusive), of the original record, were printed in full, in our second volume, pages 70 to 77 inclusive.—*Editor.*]

[JOHN SUTTON'S INVENTORY]

[p. 55] "An Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of John Sutton of Rehoboth Deceased the first of June 1672 Taken by Leiftenant Peter Hunt Ensigne Henery Smith and Willam Carpenter;" The real estate was: "a Dwelling house" £8; "land and meddow" £12. Cows in the hands of Jonah Palmer and Joseph Carpenter were mentioned.

(*To be continued*)

THE WILLS OF JOHN LITTLE[4] OF MARSHFIELD AND HIS WIDOW CONSTANT

BY THE EDITOR

JOHN LITTLE[4] (*Ephraim*[3], *Anna*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]) of Marshfield married Constant Fobes[4], the daughter of William and Martha (Pabodie[3]) (Seabury) Fobes of Little Compton. Martha Pabodie[3] was the daughter of William Pabodie and Elizabeth[2] Alden (*John*[1]), therefore the children of John and Constant Little had Mayflower ancestry through their mother as well as their father.

John and Constant Little had twelve children: Anna, died young; Ruth, died young; Mercy, apparently died without issue; Fobes; John; Anna (second of the name); Thomas, died young; Ephraim; Thomas (second of the name); William; Ruth (second of the name); Lemuel. Of the eight children who married and left issue, all but one married descendants of Mayflower Passengers.

John Little[4] made his will on 14 January, 1764, and died at Marshfield, on 26 February, 1767. His widow, Constant, made her will on 18 November, 1767, and died at Marshfield, on 29 June, 1771.

In the following pages we give exhaustive abstracts of all records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate,

relating to the estates of John and Constant (Fobes) Little. This article has been prepared at the expense of Mr. John Mason Little, of Boston, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of John and Constant Little, through their son Lemuel Little[5].

No original papers relating to either estate are now in the probate files. The reference to the record is given with each abstract.

[John Little's Will]

[19:461] On 14 January, 1764, "John Little of Marshfield .... esquire" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Constant Little the use and improvement of the northerly end of my dwelling house, during her natural life with the privilege of the oven, to lay wood at the door, & fetch water out of the Well, and also two beds & the furniture belonging to them. And .... wood at the door sufficient for her use, and the use & improvement of the sixth part of my real estate during her natural life . and the sixth part of my personal estate after the debts & funeral charges are paid forever at her dispose, And .... that each of my six sons hereafternamed pay to their mother" £2, 10s., "every year during her natural life, in full for her right of dower in my estate."

To ' my son Fobes Little .... all my real & personal estate in Little . Compton, and all my real estate in Rhode-island, providence Plantation, and" £5 "out of my personal estate .... in twelve months after my decease."

To "my son John Little .... that farm, he now lives on in the county of Windham in the colony of Connecticut, & all the personal that I put thereon, & the woodlot that belongs to the said farm."

To "my son William Little .... the farm which he now lives on which I bought of Samuel Cogswell & Samuel Cogswell Junr & their wives lying partly in Lebanon & partly in Norwich, & all the personal estate I put thereon."

To "my daughter Anna White .... the forty third Lot in Marshfield first division being about twentyfive acres, excepting the fence thereon, which I give to my son Ephraim Little, furthermore I give to my daughter Anna White my negro woman named Phillis, and fifty pounds the one half in money the other half in personal estate to be paid equally by my executors in twelve months after my decease, and all the houshold goods she hath already received."

To "my daughter Ruth Oakman .... my woodlot being about sixteen acres lying between Joyce & Carver,s land, butting on the highway, call[d] Rogers,s way or however otherwise bounded . and my negro woman named Jenne & forty pounds personal estate . to be paid equally by my executors in twelve months after my decease, & one Yoke of oxen Tobias Oakman has of mine, with all the houshold goods she hath already received."

To "my son Ephraim Little .... the twelfth lot whereon his house now stands, also the thirteenth, fourteenth & y[e] fifteenth lots, also the seventh, eighth & ninth lots, with the buildings thereon, and also the thirtieth, thirtyfirst & the thirtysecond lotts. And also The [p. 462] The twentyfirst lot all lying in Marshfield in the first division, and a part of my homestead whereon I now dwell bounded as follows. Begining by the meadow of Job Winslow as the fence now stands a little to the northward of a hombind tree, then running as the fence now stands to the highway then runing south easterly by the way until it comes to the southermost corner of the field by the highway near the apple trees in the little hollow, then, then running northeasterly by the fence & row of stones in the same line until it comes to a row of bushes in the swamp, so follow[s] the row of bushes until it comes to the fence of Asa Thomas,s meadow, then running northwesterly by the meadow fence as it now stands to the bounds first-mentioned, and five acres of salt marsh I bought of David Thomas, and one third part of all my salt meadow in Marshfield excepting what belongs to Norcut,s farm, & also a small piece by the landingplace . And .... one half of Stephen,s-island, and one half of the meadow belonging thereto, and my silver hilted sword, & one half of my wearing apparel."

To "my son Thomas Little .... the farm he now lives on called Norcut,s farm with all the buildings & fences thereon and all the meadow belonging to said farm, and the one half of Booth,s lot & the one half of the additions to Little-town-brook and the one half of the fortysecond lot, and the one half of the thirty fourth, thirtyfifth, thirtysixth & thirtyseventh lots all in Marshfield in the first division and one half of my salt-meadow not heretofore given away,—excepting a piece by the landing place, & one half of my wearing apparel."

To "my son Lemuel Little .... that part of my homestead I now live on, begining at the mill-dam, running down stream until it comes to the landingplace, and so by the meadow fence until it comes to the row of bushes beforementioned against the meadow of Asa Thomas, & so runing by the row of bushes until it comes to the row of stones, so by the row of stones until it comes

to the fence and so by the fence until it comes to the highway. and so by the northerly side of the highway until it comes to the mill dam firstment[d] Furthermore, a piece of land a part of my homestead on the southerly side of the highway bounded as follows, begining at the highway by the land of Asa Thomas so runing upstream by the fence as it now stands, until it comes to the land of Francis Crooker, and so by the land of Francis Crooker as the fence is now until it comes to the highway, so by the southerly side of the highway to the bounds firstmentioned. also one third part of all my saltmeadow in Marshfield not heretofore given away . also one half of Stephens-island, & one half of the meadow thereunto belonging . also one half the lot called Booth,s lot with the additions thereunto belonging, between that & Little-town-brook, the one half of the sixth, the one half of the fortysecond lot, the one half of the thirtyfourth, thirtyfifth, thirtysixth, & thirtyseventh lots all in Marshfield in the first division, also my negro man named Caesar, But it is my will that Caesar wait on my wife when she shall have occasion for him. Furthermore [p. 463] Furthermore, I give to my two sons Ephraim & Thomas Little my negro man, named Amos, alias Gambo, & my negro-man named Dego, equally between them"

To "my son Ephraim Little my riding horse, & my old barn on the southerly side of the highway, and free liberty to take off the same in twelve months after my decease."

To "my two sons Ephraim & Thomas Little liberty to land or lay wood, hay or lumber at my landing place, where it may be safe, & most convenient & least detrimental."

To "my grandaughter Alice Little one feather-bed & furniture, one cow & four sheep, provided she does not bring in any account, against my executors."

To "my son Thomas Little one half of the sixth lot, which was omitted when I gave him the fortysecond, which is in Marshfield in the first division."

"My will is that none of my children or heirs bring in any debt, charge, or demand against my executors except it be either note or bond, on the forfeiture of his or their legacy or legacys."

"all my real & personal estate not heretofore dispos[d] off I give equally between my three sons Ephraim, Thomas & Lemuel Little .... and I give each of my sons free liberty to pass & repass across each others lands, where it will be least prejudicial & most convenient."

"my will is that my sons John & William Little pay to my executors hereafternamed each of them twenty pounds, John twenty & William twenty, to enable my executors to pay debts & legacies in twelve months after my decease."

"my son Thomas Little having no part of Stephens Island given him in this my last will.... I do hereby order my son Lemuel Little to pay him.... twenty pounds, within twelve months after my decease."

"I nominate & appoint my three sons Ephraim, Thomas, & Lemuel Little joint executors"

The witnesses were Elisha Phillips, Francis Crooker, and Nathaniel Phillips.

[19:464] The will was probated on 6 March, 1767, on the oath of the three witnesses, and administration granted to Ephraim Little, Thomas Little, and Lemuel Little.

[19:464] The inventory of "all the estate both real & personal that John Little esq^re^ late of Marshfield deced died seized off" was taken, and sworn to, on 28 April, 1767, by Elisha Phillips, Nathaniel Phillips and Daniel White. The real estate, not itemized, was valued at £4055, 9s., 4d. The total amount of the inventory was £4345, 15s., 10d. "negro man 60 y^rs^ old we value at nothing."

[20:292] On 11 August, 1769, Ephraim Little, Thomas Little and Lemuel Little petitioned for a division of the salt meadow bequeathed to them, "which now lies in comon, & undivided", and "Mess^rs^ Samuel Goold of Pembroke, Elisha Phillips and Thomas Foord J^r^ of Marshfield.... yeomen" were appointed to divide it.

The three commissioners "divided three different pieces of salt-meadow shewn us by the said Ephraim, Thomas, & Lemuel, viz.

"One piece lying adjoining on the South-river in said Marshfield, containing thirty three acres & sixteen poles; One other piece adjoining the North-river called the Pine-Island-meadow, containing thirty acres, three quarters, & sixteen poles; and One other piece called The lower-meadow, adjoining on said North-river, containing fourteen acres, three quarters & fourteen poles, all lying in Marshfield aforesaid; Each of said peices of meadow, quantity & quality considered, We have divided in three several lots in manner following viz That [p. 293] That on the South-river, the first lot, begining at the northwesterly corner thereof, by the upland, being the south-west corner of Aaron Soul's meadow, thence by said upland as the fence now stands, south twenty two degrees & an half west, fifteen poles & fourteen links, thence south fifty five degrees west, seven poles eighteen links to a stake standing between the meadow & Elisha Kent's upland, thence from said stake ranging south seventy four degrees & an half east to the South-river, thence by the river down stream, to

the north-easterly side of the said thirty three acres, and thence on the northeasterly side of the same, until it comes to the corner first-mentioned, which first lot contains eleven acres, three quarters & five poles.—

"The second lot is bounded, begining at the stake abovementioned, standing between the meadow & Elisha Kent's upland, being the southwest corner of the first lot, thence ranging south fifty five degrees west, eleven poles & a link by the fence of said Kent, thence south thirty five degrees west eleven poles & ten links to a stake & stones in said Kent's range, and from said stake & stones it rangeth south, seventy three degrees east to the South-river, and thence down river to the east corner of the first lot, and thence by said first lot north, seventy four degrees & an half west to the bounds first-mentioned, which contains ten acres & a half & thirty seven poles.—

"The third lot is bounded, begining at the stake & stones, being the southwesterly bounds of the second lot by said Kent's upland, and thence south thirty five degrees west, sixteen poles & twenty one links to a ditch, thence by said ditch, south twenty eight degrees east six poles & twenty one links to Samuel Kent's meadow, Thence by said Samuel Kent's meadow south, seventy three degrees & an half east, seventy seven poles & seven links to South-river, thence by the river down stream to the south-easterly bounds of the second lot, and thence by the said second lot north seventy three degrees west to the bounds firstmentioned, and contains ten acres & a half & fourteen poles.

"Secondly, We divided the Pine-Island-meadow so called, adjoining or near the North river, into three lots also.

"The first lot is bounded as follows, viz, Begining at a stake being the southwest corner of said meadow, which is the south-east corner of Job Winslow's meadow, thence in a range between the meadow and the upland south fifty six degrees & an half east, ten poles & ten links to a stake, thence north thirty six degrees east to Broad-creek, thence on the North westerly side thereof it is bounded by said creek till it comes to the meadow of said Job Winslow, and then by said Winslow's range to the bounds first mentioned, or otherwise bounded on the northwesterly side thereof, by the northwesterly side of the said thirty acres, three quarters & sixteen poles, or Pine-Island-meadow, aforesaid to the bounds first mentioned, and contains ten acres & an half & thirty nine poles.

"The second lot is bounded begining at the south easterly corner of the first lot, being a stake between the meadow & the upland, thence by the upland south fifty six degrees & an half

east, ten poles & seven links to a stake, thence north forty one degrees & an half east to Broad-Creek, before mentioned, thence by Broad-creek up stream, until it comes to the north east corner of the first lot, thence by the said first lot, south, thirty six degrees degrees west to the bounds firstmentioned . & contains nine acres three quarters & twenty seven poles.

"The third lot is bounded, begining at a stake which is the south easterly corner of the second lot in the range between the upland and the meadow, thence south fifty six degrees & an half east by the upland until it comes to a creek or guzzel, or the meadow of Asa Thomas; thence by said creek or guzzel, till comes to Broad-creek, and so by Broad-creek till it comes to the northeasterly bounds of the second lot; thence by said second lot south, forty one degrees and an half west, to the stake first mentioned, and contains ten acres and thirty poles. Thirdly

[p. 294] "Thirdly, We divided the lower meadow also into three lots.

"The first lot is bounded as follows viz, begining at a stake standing in the range of William Steven's meadow, twenty four poles & ten links south, eighty seven degrees & an half from Chapman's or Norkit's creek, so called, and from said stake it rangeth north twenty five degrees east, thirty six poles & eight links to Broad-creek, and thence down stream to the North-river, and thence by the North-river down stream till it comes to Chapman's or Norkit's creek aforesaid, and thence up said creek to the northeasterly corner of said Steven's meadow, and thence by said Steven's meadow to the stake first-mentioned, and contains six acres one quarter & thirty six poles.

"The second lot is bounded, begining at a stake being the southwesterly corner of the first lot in the range of William Stevens's meadow aforesaid, thence by the range of the said first lot north, twenty five degrees east to Broad creek, and thence by said creek up stream so far as a strait line will make fifteen poles & four links to a ditch lately cut, and thence by said ditch south, forty seven degrees & an half west to Broad-creek, and thence by Broad-creek up stream, and on a branch thereof till it comes to the north west corner of said William Steven's meadow, being a stake standing on the east side of the most eastermost branch of Broad-creek, aforesaid, and from said stake north eighty seven degrees & an half east, sixteen poles to the bounds first-mentioned. This lot contains four acres, three quarters & one pole.

"The third lot is bounded on the south east side thereof by the northwest side of the second lot before described, and all

other sides by Broad-creek before-mentioned, and contains three acres & an half and twenty one poles.

"And according to our direction, We have assigned to Ephraim, the second lot in number in the South-river-meadow, the first lot in number in the Pine-Island-meadow, and the third lot in number in the lower meadow, together with three small islands or flats, lying in Broad-creek, before-mentioned.

"To Thomas the first lot in number in the South-river-meadow, the second lot in number in the Pine Island meadow, and the first lot in number in the lower-meadow.

"And to Lemuel the third lot in the South-river-meadow, the third lot in number in the Pine-Island-meadow, & the second lot in number in the lower meadow."

On 1 January, 1770, "Samuel Goold . . . . (being one of the people called Quakers) solemnly affirmed, & Elisha Phillips & Thomas Foord jun^{r} made solemn oath" to the division, which was confirmed by John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

[Widow Constant Little's Will]

[21 : 196] "Constant Little of Marshfield . . . . Widdow" made her will on 18 November, 1767. Bequests were as follows:

To "my six sons hereafter-named Fobes Little, John Little, Ephraim Little, Thomas Little, William Little and Lemuel Little five shillings each . . . . to be paid . . . . in one year after my decease."

To "my son Abijah White and my daughter Ann White his wife, and to my son Tobias Oakman and my daughter Ruth Oakman his wife, all the rest & residue of my estate not heretofore given away"

"my two sons in law Abijah White esq^{r} & Tobias Oakman" were appointed executors.

The witnesses were David Lapham, Thomas Sylvester and Samuel Oakman.

On 6 August, 1772, the will was probated on the oaths of the three witnesses, and administration granted to "Abijah White one of the executors therein-named, (Tobias Oakman the other executor therein-named having renounced the executorship)"

[21 : 197] The inventory was taken on 28 August, 1772, by David Lapham, Samuel Oakman, and Joseph Rogers. No real estate was mentioned. The total was £11, 8s., 8d. "The executor of the deced,s will" made oath to the inventory the same day.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 143*)

[p. 50] Plimouth Ss: September 8 : 1762 This Certifies that Gibbons Sharp and Thankfull Hayford both of Middleborough were this Day joyn^{d} in marriage at middleborough by me Joseph Tinkham Justic peace

Plimouth Ss: December 3 : 1762 This Certifies that Dick alis Richard Gool Negra man & Servant to L^{t} Jacob Tomson of middleborough and Betty Hammond mullater woman of pembrook were this Day Joyn^{d} in marriage at middleborough by me Joseph Tinkham Just peace

This Certifies that Thomas Raymond J^{r} Resident in middleborough and Sarah Hoskings of Said middleborough were joyn^{d} in marriage on December the 9th 1762 by Ebenezer Jones Baptist minister

Plimouth Ss Feb^{r} 10 : 1763 this Certifies that m^{r} James Littlejohn & miss Sarah Thomas 2^{d} both of middleboro were this Day joyn^{d} in marriage at S^{d} middleborough by me Joseph Tinkham Justice Peace

middleborough Oct^{r} the 20 : 1762 Then m^{r} Paul Handy of Dartmouth & m^{rs} Ame Shermond of middleborough were Joyn^{d} in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

middleborough November 20 : 1762 then Jesse Pratt & Lydia Ramusdan both of middleborough were joyn^{d} in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

middleborough December the 9 : 1762 then Benjamin Smith and Elisabeth Phinney Both of middleborough were Joyn^{d} in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

middleborough January the 10 : 1763 Then m^{r} John Howland and m^{rs} Lydia Peirce both of middleborough were joyn^{d} in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist Minister

middleborough January the 27 : 1763 Then m^{r} Samuel Richmond and m^{rs} Rhoda Mayo both of middleborough Were joyn^{d} in marriage by me Eben^{r} Hinds Baptist minister

middleborough December 22^{d} 1761 Then I married Jonathan Hoar Jun^{r} and anna Smith both of middleborough

Febu^{y} 11 : 1762 Cephas Briggs of Berkley and Hopestill Allen of middleborough

May 26 1762 m^r^ Samuel Ruggels of Rutland & m^rs^ Basheba Southworth of middleborough by me Caleb Turner

Plimouth Ss: March 31^st^ 1763 this Certifies that Nathaniel Hooper J^r^ of Bridgewater and Elisabeth Bryant of middleborough were this Day joyn^d^ in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justice peace

These Certifies that Benjamin Haskall & Sarah Shermond both of middleborough were join^d^ in marriage on may the 3^d^ 1763 by Ebenezer Jones baptest minister

Plimouth Ss: June 30 : 1763 this Certifies that Benjamin Barden Jun^r^ & Pheebe Shaw both of middleborough were this Day joyn^d^ in marriage at Said middleborough by me Joseph Tinkham Justic Peace

These Cartifies that John Reed & Lydia Booth both of middleborough were Joyned in marriage on June y^e^ 9^th^ 1763 by Eben^r^ Jones Baptist minister

[p. 51] Plimouth Ss. august 25^th^ 1763 this Certifies that Jabez Vaughan Jun^r^ of middleborough & Lois Soul of Halifax were this Day Joyn^d^ in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justic Peace

Plimouth Ss September 22^d^ 1763 this Certifies that Benjamin Hall J^r^ and Abigail Burgas both of middleborough where this Day joyn^d^ in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justic Peace

Plimouth Ss October 27 : 1763 This Certifies that George Harrise of Bridgewater, and Hannah Lyon of middleborough were this Day joynd in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justic Peace

Plimouth Ss. December 22^d^ 1763 This Certifies that Ebenezer Alden of middleborough, and Ruth Fobes of Bridgwater were this Day joyn^d^ in marriage by me Joseph Tinkham Justic Peace

These Certifies that Ebenezer Hackit and Betty Canedy both of Middleborough were joyn^d^ in marriage on January 2^d^ : 1764 by Eben^r^ Jones Baptist Minister

July the 28 1757 married Thomas Blackman Resident in middleborough and Sarah Ransom of middleborough

Sep^r^ the 14 : 1757 married George Peirce and Sarah Peirce both of middleborouh

Sep^r^ 16 : 1757 married Samuel Raymond & Dinah wood both of middleborough

October the 5 : 1757 married Joseph Turner & mercy French both of middleborough

Novem^{r} 15 : 1757 Married M^{r} Joseph Haskel of Rochester & m^{rs} Judath Thomas of middleborough

November 17 : 1757 married Nathan Eddy & Eunice Samson both of middlebo:

December 6 : 1757 married John Eddy & Ruth Hayford both of middleborough

march 8 : 1758 Married John Whitaker of Rehoboth and mary Caswell of middleborough

August the 10 1758 married John Leonard & Susanna Jackson both of middleborough

November y^{e} 23 1758 married Jacob Tison* & Elisabeth Barden both of middleborough

Jan^{r} 4 : 1759 married Jabez Eaton of middleborough & Elizabeth Williams of Taunton

march 15th 1759 Married Thomas Hooper of Bridgewater & Abigail White of middleborough

May 4th 1759 Married Thomas Cole Jun^{r} & Abiah Bryant both of middleborough

June y^{e} 21st 1759 Married M^{r} Elkanah Leonard Jun^{r} and m^{rs} Sarah Leonard both of middleborough

July y^{e} 19th 1759 Married John Leach & Betty Vaughan both of middleborough

February y^{e} 28th 1760 Married Simeon Doggett and Abigail Pratt both of middleborough

March 28th 1760 Married Barnabas Samson & mercy Clerke both of middleborough

A Trew Coppy attest Solomon Reed Clerke

[p. 52] Thomas Sproutt Son of Cap^{t} Ebenezer Sproutt By Bathsheba his wife was bon october the 1st 1756

Ebenezer Smith Son of En^{n} Samuel Smith by Rachal his wife was born September the 18th 1756

James Soul Son of James Soul by Deborah his wife was born november 10th 1756

Aaron Simmons Son of David Simmons by Priscilla his wife was born feb^{y} 6 1757

Susanna Southworth Daughter of Nathaniel Southworth by Susanna his wife was born august the 26 : 1755

Hannah Southworth Daughter of Gideon Southworth by Rebeckah his wife was born april the 4th 1756 1756

Daniel Sears Son of Zebedee Sears by mary his wife was born may 22^{d} 1756

* "Jacob Tilson and Elisabeth Barden" were published 11 September, 1758. Middleborough Records, Vol. II, Pt. I, p. 117.

Sarah Snow Daughter of Jesse Snow by mary his Wife was born march 20th 1758
Southworth Shaw Son of Samuel Shaw Junr by Fear his wife was born October the 1st 1757
Pheby Sears Daughter of Zebedee Sears by mary his wife was born October 7th 1758
Betty Smith Daughter of John Smith Junr by Betty his wife was born march 2d 1758
James Sproutt Son of Capt Ebenr Sproutt by Bathsheba his wife was born December 7th 1758
Chloe Samson Daughter of Nathaniel Samson by martha his wife was born Janr 6 : 1757
George Samson Son of Nathaniel Samson by martha his wife was born april 2d 1759
Noah Shaw Son of Samuel Shaw Junr by Fear his wife was born may 22d 1759
John Smith Son of Nathaniel Smith 3d by Susanna his wife was born December the 25th 1759
Susanna Samson Daughter of Abner Samson by Hannah his wife was born September 26 1759 1759
George Samson Son of Abner Samson by Hannah his wife was born Feby 6th 1761 1761
Lois Shaw, daughter of Ebenr Shaw, was born Septr 5th 1754 1754

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THE WILLS OF ELISHA[3] AND JAMES[4] DOTEN AND THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN[4] DOTEN

By the Editor

Elisha[3] Doten, of Plymouth, Mass., was the son of John[2] Doty (*Edward*[1]) of that town, and was born there, on 13 July, 1686. In his birth record, and the record of the births of his children, the surname was written "Doty";* but in his marriage record, and in his will, the name was written "Doten".

In the oldest book of the Marblehead, Mass., town records, the pages of which are not numbered, we find the marriage of Elisha[3] Doten entered twice, on the same page. The two entries, which are separated by several other records, read as follows:

* Mayflower Descendant, 1 : 144 and 5 : 100.

"Elisha Doten of Plymoth & Hannah Horten of this towne were marryed the 1 Feb: 170$\frac{8}{9}$ p^{r} ditto"

"Elisha Doten of Plymouth & Hannah Hortten were married the 1 Febr. 170$\frac{8}{9}$ pr ditto"

The word "ditto", in these two entries, refers to "M^{r} Cheever Clericus", in an earlier entry. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel Cheever, pastor of the Marblehead church.

In the first volume of the original Plymouth, Mass., town records, on page 65, we find "The Children of Elisha Doty and Hanna Doty his wife", with the word "Harlow" added in a modern hand, above and between "Hanna" and "Doty". A careful study of this modern interlineation, and a comparison with the copy of the records in this old volume, made for the town by Mr. William T. Davis, of Plymouth, shows conclusively that Mr. Davis was the person who thus altered the original record, and misled many persons by so doing.

When the present writer copied the records on page 65 of the original, for publication in the fifth volume of "The Mayflower Descendant", he at once recognized that the word "Harlow" was a modern interlineation, but did not know it to be an error. The word "Harlow" was, therefore, printed in a footnote, and attention called to the fact that this interlineation was not a part of the original record.

When Mr. William T. Davis published his "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth", in 1883, he gave no surname for Elisha[3] Doten's wife. In an appendix added to the second edition, in 1899, he not only incorrectly stated that Elisha Doten married "Hannah Harlow", but also stated that the marriage took place in "1686", the year Elisha was born, thus making two serious errors in one short sentence.

In the following pages we present exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estates of Elisha[3] Doten and his sons Stephen[4] Doten and James[4] Doten, all of Plymouth.

This article has been prepared, and is printed, at the expense of Mrs. Micajah P. Clough, of Lynn, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of James[5] Doten, a son of Stephen[4] Doten (*Elisha*[3], *John*[2], *Edward*[1]), by his first wife, Hannah Bartlett[6] (*John*[5], *Robert*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]).

The proper reference, to record or original document on file, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[Elisha[3] Doten's Will]

[13 : 312] "Elisha Doten of . . . . Plimouth" made his will on 24 December, 1753. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Loveing Wife Hannah Doten all my whole moveable or personall Estate"

To "the heirs of my son Elisha Doten Dec[d] the One seventh part of all my Real Estate"

To "the heirs of my son Samuel Doten One seventh part of all my Real Estate"

To "my son Edward Doten . . . . the seventh part of all my Real Estate"

To "my son Paul Doten the seventh part of all my Real Estate"

To "my Daughter Lois Harlow wife to Amaziah Harlow One seventh part of all my Real Estate"

To "my son Stephen Doten the One seventh part of all my Real Estate"

To "my son James Doten the One Seventh part of all my Real Estate"

"my son Edward Doten" and Amaziah Harlow were appointed executors.

The witnesses were Joseph Morton, Thomas Bartlett and Joseph Warren. On 17 July, 1754, Thomas Bartlett and Joseph Warren made oath to the will, stating that "they (togather Joseph Morton who is Since Dec[d])" subscribed as witnesses.

[13 : 314] On 17 July, 1754, administration on the estate of "Elisha Doten Late of Plimouth . . . . Yeoman dec[d]" was committed to "Edward Doten & Amaziah Harlow both of said Plimouth Mariners, Exec[rs] in the Same Will nam'd"

[13 : 371] "To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Cap[t] Generall & Commander in Chief in & Over his Majesty's Province of the Massachusets Bay; To the Hon[ble] his Majesty's Council & House of Representatives in Generall Court Assembled October 17. 1754

"The petition of Edward Doten & Amaziah Harlow of Plimouth, Humbly Sheweth

"That Elisha Doten late of Plimouth died Seized of a Certain Tract of Land containing about Eighty Acres with a House thereon (partly Finished) s[d] Land lying in Middleborough . . . . & that s[d] Land Building was all the Reall Estate that your Petitioners Testator died Seized of, that but a small part of s[d] Land was brought too or Cleared, That your Petitioners Exec[rs] of the last Will . . . . of s[d] Elisha Doten do not incline to have the Estate Settled On us or either of us, could that be done & the

Estate being Equall Given to each Child of the dec^{d} or to their heirs so that so small an Estate must be Divided into Seven Shares which must make it of Little or no Vallue and two of the Children being dead & their Children being Minors We cant sell the Estate without the Interposition of your Excellency & Honours, your Petn^{rs} Humbly pray your Excellency & Honours to Grant your Petn^{rs} Liberty to sell the whole of s^{d} Reall Estate & Impower them to Give a Good Deed or Deeds of the same provided those Children of yo^{r} pet^{rs} Testator that are Surviveing do approve of & Consent to the same (they being all of age & your Peti^{rs} Give Sufficiant Caution to the Judge of probates for the County of Plimouth to pay two Seventh parts of what s^{d} House & Land shall sell for to the Children of Elisha Doten & Samuell Doten two of the sons of the s^{d} Elisha your Pet^{rs} Testator that are deceased or otherwise releive your petitioners"

"In the House of Representatives Oct^{o} 24, 1754, Orderd that the prayer of the pet^{n} be so far Granted as y^{t} the pet^{rs} in their capacity be & hereby are Impowered to make Sale of y^{e} Reall Estate in the peti^{n} mentioned for the most the same Will fetch & to Execute a Good Deed or Deeds of the Same . . . . provided that Paul Doten, James Doten & Stephen Doten (three of the Children of Elisha Doten dec^{d} who are of age) do Give their Consent to the sell of s^{d} Estate, & that the pet^{rs} Give Cation to the Judge of Probates for the County of Plimouth That the proceeds by s^{d} Sale be Distribeted to the Heirs of Elisha Doten dec^{d} in Such Shares as is mentioned in the Last Will & Testament of the s^{d} dec^{d}

Sent up for Concurrence

T Hubbard Sp^{kr}

In Council October 25 1754, Read & C^{oncurd}

J Willard Sec^{ry}

Consented to W Shirley

Copy Exam^{d} ℔ Tho^{s} Clarke Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}"

[James[4] Doten's Will]

[From original will] "James Doten of Plimouth" made his will 22 September, 1785. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Bathsheba Doten after my Just Debts are paid all my Estate both Real & Personall for her To Improve her lifetime and to Dispose off if necessity Requires. But if any Estate be left after her death after paying her Furnall Charges & her Debt^{s} allowing her to give her wareing Clothes and whatever was given her by her Father To Such of her Relations as she thinks Propper

"The one half of y^e^ Remainder Both Real & Personall I Give to James Doten the third: Son to Stephen Doten The othe half to be Equaly devided between the three Sons of the Said Stephen Dotens Sons . or there Heirs"

"My Brother Stephen Doten to be my Sole Executor".

The witnesses were Stephen Churchell, William Huston and Stephen Churchell, Jr. [The will was also recorded, 30 :10.]

[From original] On 7 August, 1786, the will of "James Doten late of Plymouth . . . . Genteman deceased" was probated, on the oath of Stephen Churchill and Stephen Churchill, Jr. [The letter was also recorded, 30 : 11.]

[From original bond] On 7 August, 1786, "Stephen Doten yeoman", as executor, with John Bartlett, Jr., innholder, and Timothy Goodwin, tinsman, as sureties, all three of Plymouth, gave a bond for £500. The witnesses were Henry Warren and Isaac Lothrop.

[From original warrant] On 7 August, 1786, Jesse Harlow, Sylvanus Harlow, and Stephen Churchill, all of Plymouth, were appointed appraisers. [The warrant was also recorded, 30 : 324.]

[From original] The inventory of "Cap^t^ James Doten" was taken in March*, 1787. The real estate was "Dwelling House and Garding &cc" £100; "1 piece Land Adjoin^g^ North Street" £105; "1 fish House" £10, 10s.; "½ pew in the Meeting House Gallery in the front" £7, 10s. Other interesting items were: "⅓ of the Schooner Serious" £101, 3s., 4d.; "⅜ of the Schooner Swallow" £103, 2s., 6d. Joseph Ryder, John Torrey, "Joseph & Joshua Wright", Amaziah Harlow, Richard Bagnall, Elnathan Lucas, were indebted to the estate.

The inventory was sworn to, 20 February, 1788, by the three appraisers, and on 8 April, 1788, by Stephen Doten, executor. [The inventory was also recorded, 30 : 324.]

[From original account] The account of Stephen Doten, executor, was allowed, 9 April, 1788. Payments had been received from: Jesse Churchill; "Barn^a^ Hedge"; Samuel Jackson, Jr.; James Drew; "Barn^a^ Hedge jun^r^"; Richard Bagnall; Lewis Weston; William Crombie; "Jesse Churchill by Seth Ryder"; Jesse Harlow; William Bartlett. Payments had been made to: John Washburne; Richard Bagnall; Richard Durfey; Ellis Holmes; Lothrop Holmes; Seth Ryder; William LeBaron; Nathaniel Carver; "y^e^ widow Basheba Doten"; Joseph Nelson; Josiah Bartlett; "Jon^a^ Varnom"; "Ellis Holmes by the widow Morton"; Corban Barnes; Samuel Morton; Andrew Croswell; Joanna Morton; William Davis; William Coye; William Good-

* The day was omitted.

win; "Dr Thacher"; Seth Harlow; George Ellis; "Jn° Davey"; "Sylv[a] Howes"; William Watson; "Isaac Lothrop esq[r]"; Nathan Perkins; "To my Son John's half Share in the fish voy[a]" £5, 3s., 1d.; "Ball[a] due for Joseph's wages" £7, 16s., 3d.; "y[e] wid° Joanna Morton"; "Dr Nath[l] Lothrop"; Judah Hall; Edward Doten; "To myself & two sons assisting in Curing & weighing 1280 Quentals of fish" £7; "y[e] Estate Rich[d] Holmes deced"; "Sylv[a] Harlow"; Ellis Holmes, Jr.; "Brigad[r] Goodwin"; Ebenezer Mitchell; "John Cotton esq[r]". [The account was also recorded, 30 : 325.]

[30 : 326] On 9 April, 1788, "Rec[d] of M[r] Stephen Doten a note of his hand, for the use of the Heirs to the Estate of my husband James Doten Late of Plymouth deced for" £184, 18s., 4d., "which when paid will be in full of the Ballance of his Account Settled in the Probate office, as Executor" Bathsheba Doten signed by a mark. Joseph Doten witnessed the receipt.

[34 : 382] On 24 May, 1804, "Stephen Doten of Plymouth . . . . yeoman" was appointed "administrator, de bonis non, of . . . . y[e] remaining goods, chattells, rights & credits of James Doten late of said Plymouth Gentleman, deceased"

[From original bond] On 24 May, 1804, Stephen Doten, as administrator de bonis non, with John Doten and Paul Doten, as sureties, all three of Plymouth, yeomen, gave bond for $2000. The witnesses were Sarah Cotton and Rosseter Cotton.

[From original notice] On 24 May, 1804, by order of the Court, Stephen Doten, administrator de bonis non, posted a notice of his appointment. On 7 July, 1804, he made oath to the notice. [The notice was also recorded, 40 : 62.]

[From original warrant] On 24 May, 1804, "Ephraim Spooner Esqr Ellis Holmes & Solomon Finney, yeomen, all of Plymouth" were appointed to appraise "all the remaining Estate of James Doten" [The warrant was also recorded, 40 : 60.]

[From original inventory] An "Inventory the Remains of the Goods & Estate" was taken 4 June, 1804. The real estate was: "Dwelling House, Store and land Adjoyning" $1000.00; "Half a Pew in the Meeting House of the first Precinct in Plymouth it is Scituate in the Gallery of said House on the South Side thereof in the front of the Gallery N°*" $30.00. Ephraim Spooner, Ellis Holmes, and Stephen Doten, administrator de bonis non, made oath to the inventory, 3 September, 1804; Solomon Finney made oath to it 26 September, 1804. [The inventory was also recorded, 40 : 60.]

[From original division] On 2 February, 1805, "Ephraim

* The number was omitted.

Spooner, Esqr Mess[rs] Ellis Holmes & Solomon Finney, yeomen, all of Plymouth" were appointed to divide "the Real and Personal Estate whereof James Doten . . . . Gentleman . . . . died seized . . . . into two equal parts . . . . and sett off to Susanna Doten a minor the only child & heir of James Doten y[e] 3[d] deceased, one moiety thereof, and to Stephen Doten, John Doten, & the Heirs of Joseph Doten deceased, the other moiety thereof, all which is according to the direction of the first named . James Doten, deceased, as expressed in his last will"

On 20 February, 1805, Ephraim Spooner, Ellis Holmes and Solomon Finney "Sett off to Susanna Doten a minor the only Child and heir of M[r] James Doten y[e] 3[rd] late of Plymouth Deceas[d] within named The Dwelling House and Store and the land Ajoyning where M[r] James Doten Sen[r] within named lived in Plymouth bounded Easterly and northerly by the road, Westerly by the land belonging to the heirs of M[r] Thomas Davee deceas[d], and Southerly by the alley leading round said dwelling house—Also the Garden near said House bounded Easterly by the Countrey road, Southerly by the land of Richard Durfey Jun. Westerly by the land of Nathaniel Bartlett and northerly by the Alley leading round the house on the Southerly part of it—being one moiety of James Doten Sen[rs] Estate

"We . . . . Sett off to Mess[rs] Stephen Doten, John Doten, and the heirs of M[r] Joseph Doten deceas[d] within named . One half a Pew in the Meeting house of the first Precinct in said Plymouth, is a Pew in the South Gallery of said house, in the front thereof Number* and all the Personall Estate of Said James Doten Sen[r] deceas[d], including all that is Containd in the Inventory, and all the Debts due to said Estate on account and specially of all kinds being the other Moiety of said Estate"

Ephraim Spooner, Esq., and Ellis Holmes made oath to the division on 20 February, 1805, and Solomon Finney on 30 May, 1805. [The division was also recorded, 40 : 61.]

[From original receipt] On 21 May, 1815, "Betsy Doten of Plymouth . . . . Widdow of Joseph Doten late of said Plymouth Marriner Decsed as I am Guardiun for my Chilldren who are Chilldren to said Joseph Doten Deceas[d]" receipted to "Stephen Doten administrat on the Estate of Cap[t] James Doten late of Plymouth Deceacd" for $300, "being all their Shair and intrest in the Estate of Said James Doten deceas[d] agreeable to his last will". "Bathsheba Holmes" and "Betsey Doten" witnessed the receipt. [The receipt was also recorded, 53 : 419.]

* The number of the pew was not recorded.

[From original receipt] On 17 March, 1817, John Doten receipted to "Stephen Doten administrator on the Estate of my uncel James Doten late of Plymouth Dec[d]" for $300, "in full of all the Demands I have against Said Dec[d] Estate" [The receipt was also recorded, 53 : 419.]

[From original account] On 21 May, 1821, "The account of Stephen Doten as Administrator on the estate of James Doten late of Plymouth . . . . yeoman Deceased . . . . being the 2[d] Appraizment & Division" was allowed. The estate had received "By Cash on Stephen Dotens Dec[d] note" $616.39; "By Cash of R Cotton being the ballance due for Land Sold him by Basheba Doten for her Support" $265.40. Payments had been made, as follows: funeral expenses "of Barsheba Doten Dec[d]" $5; to "Ephraim Spooner & others appraizers & dividers of Said Estate" $10; "Sarah Leonards acc[t]" $29.25; "the whole real estate assigned by Eph[m] Spooner & others Assignees to Susanna Doten" $1030; to "Stephen Doten John Doten Joseph Dotens heirs the personal Estate as Assigned them by Said Assignees" $900; "the waring Apparil of Barsheba Doten Dec[d] delivered to m[rs] Carver" $13.55. [The account was also recorded, 53 : 419.]

[Stephen[4] Doten's Estate]

[34 : 334] On 29 November, 1802, "Stephen Doten of Plymouth . . . . Gentleman" was appointed administrator on the estate of "Stephen Doten late of said Plymouth yeoman deceased"

[From original bond] On 29 November, 1802, "Stephen Doten, Gentleman" as "administrator on the estate of Stephen Doten late of said Plymouth yeoman, deceased", with "John Doten & Stephen Doten jun[r] yeomen", both of Plymouth, as sureties, gave bond for $2000. The witnesses were Silvanus Finney and "Rebeckah Morton". [The bond was not recorded.]

[From original warrant] "Abner Bartlett Esq[r] Mess[rs] Sylvanus Finney & Solomon Finney yeomen, all of Plymouth" were appointed, on 29 November, 1802, to appraise the estate of "Stephen Doten late of Said Plymouth, yeoman, Deceased" [The warrant was not recorded.]

[From original inventory] On 24 December, 1802, an inventory of "the Estate of M[r] Stephen Doten Late of Plymouth Dece[d]" was taken by Abner Bartlett, Sylvanus Finney and Solomon Finney. The real estate was: "About 80 Accres of improvd Land" $720; "the Dwelling house" $60; "one Barn" $60; "one Corn house" $4; "one hundred Accres of wood Land" $100. "one pew in Mr Hoveys meeting House" was valued at $25.

Solomon Finney made oath to the inventory 1 March, 1803. Abner Bartlett and Sylvanus Finney made oath to the inventory 14 March, 1803, and Stephen Doten, administrator, made oath to it on 23 March, 1803. [The inventory was not recorded.]

[From original warrant] On 18 April, 1804, "Abner Bartlett, Esqr—Thomas Morton jun[r] Gentleman, & Sylvanus Finney, yeoman, all of Plymouth" were appointed to "take a view of the Real Estate whereof Stephen Doten, late of said Plymouth yeoman, deceased, died seized; and . . . . to Set off to Jane Doten, the widow of the deceased, her thirds or right of Dower therin" [The warrant was also recorded, 40 : 70.]

[From original assignment] On 7 May, 1804, Abner Bartlett, Thomas Morton, Jr., and Sylvanus Finney "set of to Jane Doten widow of Stephen Doten late of Plymouth Dec[d] her thirds . . . . in her late Husband Stephen Dotens real Estate . . . . as follows Viz . . . . a piece of wood land being thirty acres more or less and is bounded as follows . begining by a road in the range of Elkanah Finney land then to extand Northly by S[d] road about thirty rods To a tree marked then To Extend East Two Degrees Northly To Deacon Blackmer's land and by Said Blackmers land Southerly to Holmes land and then by S[d] holmes & Finneys land To the first Bounds mention[d] Second a piece of Pasture & meadow land being fifteen acres more or less, and is bounded as follows begining at a Stake & Stones in the field then To extend South ten Degrees west to a fence then Southerly & westerly as the fence Goes To Paul Dotens land . then again at the Said Stake & Stones to extend west Eleven Degrees North To Stephen Doten land then Southerly by Said Dotens land & S[d] Paul Dotens land till it Comes to the above westerly line that Come to Paul Dotens land.

"third a piece of meadow by the road begining at a Stake & stones by the road then to extend South ten Degrees west Sixteen Rods to another Stake in the field then west Twelve Degrees North To a brook then by the Brook & road To the first Bounds.

"Also the Front room in the Dwelling house with one third of the Seller & a right To bake in the oven with a Common privilege To the house To pass and lay wood &c and a right To the well To fetch warter

"also one third Part of the Barn with a right to Pass To & from it and right to lay manure by the side of the Barn with one third of the manure that That now is by the Barn

"Also a right for one to Sit in the Pew on the Lower floor in monument Ponds meeting House"

Abner Bartlett, Esq., and Thomas Morton, Jr., made oath to the assignment on 3 May, 1804, and Sylvanus Finney on 27 June, 1804. [The assignment was also recorded, 40 : 70.]

[From original account] On 21 May, 1821, "The Account of Stephen Doten as Administrator on the Estate of Stephen Doten late of Plymouth . . . . Yeoman deceased" was allowed. The estate had received from "Eph^{m} Spooner on note" $110. The estate was charged with "what Jane Doten the widow of said deceased Rec^{d} out of the personal Estate by Order of the Judge of Probate" $62.02; "James Dotens Note" $616.39. [The account was also recorded, 53 : 420.]

EASTHAM AND ORLEANS, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 105*)

[p. 136] november 23 : 1738 then Isaac harding & experience Swet both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by M^{r} Isaiah Lewes minester

September 4th 1740 then James atwood & mercy young both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by m^{r} Isaiah Lewes minester

January 22 : 1740/1 then Stephen King & hannah Peirce both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by M^{r} Isaiah Lewes minester

april 30th 1741 then Joshua hamlen & Mary Lewes both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by m^{r} Isaiah Lewes minester

July the third 1740 then Capt Peleg Ford of marshfield & M^{rs} Phebee higgins of Eastham ware married In Eastham by M^{r} Joseph Crocker Minester

March the 5th 1740/1 then m^{r} Isaac Hopkins of Harwich & m^{rs} Thankfull Smith of Eastham ware married In Eastham by M^{r} Joseph crocker minester

Jonathan Hopkins Son of Isaac and Thankful Hopkin was born at Eastham on the 11th day of June 1747

Joseph hopkens sun of Isaac and thankful hopkens was born in eastham march 10 : 1750

Mary Tower Daughter of John Tower was born the tenth day of may 1736

Mercy Tower Daughter of John Tower was born the middle of august 1738

Isaac hopkens sun of Isaac hopkens and thankful hopkins was born in Eastham octobar : y^{e} : 25 : 1752

May the 14th 1741 then Thomas Atkins jun^{r} of chatham & Thankfull Snow of Eastham ware married in Eastham by me Joseph Doane Justice Peace

June 4th 1741 then Judah Rogers & Susannah Rogers both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

The above & before Recorded marriage are carried in to the County clerk.

Susanna Rogers Daughter of Judah Rogers & susanna Rogers was born in Eastham the Sixth day of october 1742

novembr 13 : 1741 then : Jase harding sun of Joseph and eunes harding was born in Eastham

febuary : 11 : 1744 then hanah harding Dafter to Joseph and Eunas harding was born in Eastham

august : 18 : 1745 then samuel harding sun of Joseph and Eunas harding was born in Eastham

octobar 28 : 1747 then Joseph harding sun of Joseph and Eunas harding was born in Eastham

march : 23 : 1750 then Joshua harding sun of Joseph and Eunas harding was born in Eastham

look in pd 71 for the rest of the Children

[p. 137] Josiah Crocker the Son of the Rev^{d} M^{r} Joseph and Reliance Crocker was born In Eastham the 15th day of March 1740/41 entred by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

Lucia crocker Daughter of m^{r} Joseph and Reliance Crocker was born at Eastham y^{e} 28th day of may 1744

The Rev^{d} m^{r} Joseph Crocker Paster of the South Church of Christ in Eastham Departed this Life the Second Day of march 1772

Bangs Atwood Son of Nathaniel Atwood was born the 11th day of January 1736/7

Nathaniel atwood Son of Nathaniel Atwood was born the 4th day of October 1738.

Richard Atwood Son of Nathaniel Atwood was born the 7th day of June 1741

September 17 : 1741 then Joseph Snow jun^{r} & Thankfull Cole both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace Entred & Recorded by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

Joseph Snow Son of Joseph Snow jun^{r} & Thankfull Snow was born at Eastham the 13th day of May 1743 entred by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

(*To be continued*)

HOBART — BRADFORD — ROGERS — TURNER

By the Editor

Three of the daughters of Rev. Peter Hobart, of Hingham, Mass., married descendants of Mayflower Passengers, as follows:

Jael Hobart married Joseph[2] Bradford (*William*[1]) of Plymouth.

Hannah Hobart married, first, John Browne, of Salem, son of Elder John Browne of that town. She married, second, John[3] Rogers (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]), of Duxbury, but left no children by him.

Bathsheba Hobart married, first, John Leavitt, of Hingham. She married, second, Joseph Turner[4] (*Mary*[3] *Brewster, Jonathan*[2], *William*[1]), of Scituate.

The Bradford, Rogers and Turner marriages are proved by Rev. Peter Hobart's will, and by a later deed of some land mentioned therein. Extracts from the will and the deed will be found at the end of this article.

In the will, dated 16 January, 1678, and proved 26 February, 1678/9, certain land in Hingham was bequeathed to six of the children, including "my daughter Hannah Browne of Salem widdow late the wife of John Browne deceased, my daughter Bathsheba Turner, the wife of Joseph Turner of Scittuate, & my daughter Jaell Bradford the wif[e of] Joseph Bradford of Plimoth".

In the deed, dated 10 June, 1680, the same six children sold a part of the land bequeathed to them, but the daughter Hannah had married again, and was referred to as follows: "John Rogers with Hannah his wife of Duxbury".

Additional evidence of the marriage of Hannah (Hobart) Browne to John Rogers is found in the unrecorded will of "Hannah Rogers formerly Browne now of Bristoll", wife of "M[r] John Rogers of Bristol", on file in the Bristol County, Mass., Registry of Probate. The will was made 9 June, 1691, and the inventory was taken, 31 October, 1691. In the will Hannah mentions "my two brothers Gershom & Nehemiah Hobart".

Particular attention is directed to the second marriage of Hannah (Hobart) Browne, because of the very serious errors, in regard to Hannah and her first husband, printed in the October, 1909, issue of "The Essex Antiquarian" [Vol. XIII, pp.

147, 148], where it is stated that John Browne survived his wife Hannah Hobart, and married a second wife, Hannah Collins, on 27 January, 1668.

The author of the article referred to has confused the John Browne who married Hannah Hobart with another, and contemporary, John Browne, who married Hannah Collins, and has given to the first John Browne (son of Elder John Browne), in addition to his own wife and children, the wife and children of the second John Browne (who married Hannah Collins).

In the same article it is claimed that the composite John Browne died in 1677. It is true that the inventory of the John Browne (son of Elder John Browne), who married Hannah Hobart, was taken 10 August, 1677*. But the John Browne who married Hannah Collins was still alive on 7 December, 1680, the day on which Francis Collins, carpenter, of Salem, his wife Hannah also signing the deed, conveyed land to his son-in-law John Browne and his daughter Hannah, the wife of said John Browne†.

Other errors were made in the Browne article referred to, but space cannot be given to their discussion here, as they have no bearing on the Hobart—Browne—Rogers marriages.

Descendants of John[3] Rogers will be interested in a note on "The Third Wife of John[3] Rogers," printed on page 192 of this issue.

[From Rev. Peter Hobart's Will]

In the original will of Rev. Peter Hobart, of Hingham, Mass., now in the Suffolk County Registry of Probate, in Boston, the following named relatives were mentioned: "Rebekah Hobart my wife" and "my six Children which shee have born unto mee, that is to say to my son Japhet Hobart, my son Nehemiah Hobart, & my son David Hobart, and to my daughter Rebekah Hobart, my Daughter Abigaile Hobart, And my Daughter lydia Hobart"; "my brother Joshua Hobart"; "my son Josiah Hobart"; "my son Israell Hobart"; "my eldest sonne Joshua Hobart"; and the six children named in the following paragraph.

"I give & bequeath unto severall of my other Children not yet mentioned in this my will (to witt) my sonne Jeremiah Hobart, my sonne Gershom Hobart, my daughter Elizabeth Ripley the wife of John Ripley of Hingham my daughter Hannah Browne of Salem widdow late the wife of John Browne de-

* Essex Co. Prob., Docket No. 3615.

† Essex Co. Deeds, 8 : 133.

ceased, my daughter Bathsheba Turner, the wife of Joseph Turner of Scittuate, & my daughter Jaell Bradford the wif[e of] Joseph Bradford of Plimoth, severall pcells of land as followeth, that is to say, all that my lot of land being the twenty fift lot in the second division of Conahasset upland in Hingham aforesaid, which said lot Containeth seventy & two acres and thirty rods of land be it more or less as it was granted to me by the Towne of Hingham, Also all that my lot in the third division of Conahasset upland in the said Hingham it being the seaventh lot in the said division, & lyeth in two parts as all the lotts in the said Division Doe by order of the Towne, the first part of the said lot Containeth fifty & four acres, & halfe an acre & thirty rods of land, the second part of the said lot lyeth in the Beech woods & Containeth fifty & one acres & a quarter of an acre & twelve rods of land be it more or less as it was granted to me by the Towne, Also fifty acres of land lately granted to me by the Towne of Hingham lyeing in the Towneshipp of Hingham aforesaid, to the southward of the great lotts on the great plaine, Joyning to the fifty acres of land I lately gave to my sonne Israell Hobart all which said lotts & grants of land . . . . my six Children last mentioned, that is to say, my said son Jeremiah Hobart, my son Gershom Hobart, my daughter Elizabeth Ripley, my daughter Hannah Browne, my daughter Bathsheba Turner, & my daughter Jaell Bradford, shall from & Immediately after my decease take possession off & devide them equally amongst themselves"

[Deed from Six Children of Rev. Peter Hobart]

[Suff. Co. Deeds, 58 : 88] On 10 June, 1680, "M[r] Jeremiah Hobart of Topsfeild in the County of Essex and M[r] Gershom Hobart of Groton in the County of Middlesex and John Ripley and Elizabeth his Wife* in the County of Suffolk in the Massachusetts in New England and John Rogers with Hannah his Wife of Duxbury and And Joseph Bradford with Jael his Wife of Plimouth, and Joseph Turner with Bathsheba his Wife of Scituate in the Colony of New Plimouth", for £63, silver money of New England, sold to "Daniel Stodder, Josiah Lane Ephraim Lane and Ebenezer Lane all of Hingham in the County of Suffolk . . . . All that their Second Division . . . . att Conahassett in the above said Hingham being the Twenty fifth Lot and Contain five and Twenty Shares: which said Division was formerly M[r] Peter Hobart's of the said Hingham who by his will gave it to his Children abovementioned as part of their portion:"

* Later in the deed called "of Hingham"

The deed was signed by Jeremiah Hobart, Gershom Hobart, John Ripley (by a mark), Elizabeth Ripley, John Rogers, Hannah Rogers, Joseph Bradford, Jael Bradford and Joseph Turner.

"John Rogers and Hannah his Wife and Joseph Bradford and Jael his Wife" acknowledged the deed 15 June, 1680, before William Bradford "Assistant in the Government of New Plimouth."

"John Ripley and Elizabeth his Wife and Joseph Turner" acknowledged the deed 27 September, 1680, before Thomas Savage, "Assistant in the Massachusetts Colony."

The deed was not recorded until 29 August, 1739.

JOHN NELSON'S WILL

By the Editor

John Nelson of Middleborough and Plymouth, Mass., married three times and had seven children. His first wife was Sarah[3] Wood (*Henry*[1]), by whom he had: Mehitable, married John[3] Doty (*John*[2], *Edward*[1]); Martha, died young; John, died young.

The second wife was Lydia (Bartlett[3]) Barnabe, daughter of Robert Bartlett and Mary[2] Warren (*Richard*[1]), and widow of Stephen Barnabe of Plymouth. John and Lydia Nelson had two children: Samuel Nelson, who married Bathsheba Nichols and Sarah Holmes; Joanna Nelson.

John Nelson married, third, Patience[3] Morton (*Ephraim*[2], *George*[1]), of Plymouth, by whom he had: Lydia Nelson, married Joseph Bartlett[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Benjamin*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]); Sarah Nelson, married Thomas Spooner.

John Nelson made his will, at Plymouth, 29 April, 1697, and died the same day. An exhaustive abstract of the will, and of all records relating to the settlement of his estate, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Probate Records and Files, is here printed, at the expense of Mr. Edward L. Parker, of Concord, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of John[3] Doty (*John*[2], *Edward*[1]) and his first wife, Mehitable Nelson. Mr. Parker has also paid the expense of printing the will of John[3] Doty, which will be printed in our next issue.

[John Nelson's Will]

[1 : 270] On 29 April, 1697, "John Nelson of Plimouth" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Son Samuel the westermost part of that land I Bought m^r^ Cotton Square off from Haywards Swamp to Edward Doteys land."

"Item I Give to my Daughter Mehetabel Dotey That land which lyes Eastward & westward of the house She lives in as far as my land goes also to my sd Daughter [p. 271] I Give all that part And portion of my meadow at y^e^ Gurnet which I bought of Francis west of Duxborough Also I Give unto her The yoak of oxen which are now in y^e^ hands of my Son in law John Dotey and a Small Bed that is now in their hands which said Particulars now Bequeathed to my Said Daughter with what they have Received already I esteeme as good as fifty pounds."

To "my Daughter Joanna The Bed I commonly lye upon with all Sutable furniture to it"

"I Give to Anne Tilson forty shillings."

"All y^e^ the lands I have Either in plimouth or Duxborough or Elsewhere whether upland or meadow I Give to my Beloved wife patience Nelson for y^e^ term of Sixteene yeares from y^e^ day of this date."

"All y^e^ Cattel and movables I Give & Bequeath to my said wife at the end of y^e^ abovementioned Sixteene years: my Will is that my Son Samuel Have all said Lands he allowing to his mother in law the Benifits of y^e^ thirds During her life . my desire is that if Samuel cary it well to my wife that She allow him a place to Build a house upon when he shall Attaine to y^e^ Age of twenty one years."

"Item my will is That my wife Give unto my Daughter Joanna the Sum of ten pounds when she shall come to be Eighteene years of age And if said Joanna dye before that time or without heirs afterwards that then the said ten pounds be paid to my Daughter Mehetabel Dotey."

"my will is that my wife Give unto Samuel two young Buls or two young Steeres which they can agree upon."

"my will is That if my Son Samuel Dye before he comes of Age that then all my lands which he is to Receive by vertue of this will Sixteen years after my decease shall be Equally divided betweene my then Surviving children Still Reserving y^e^ Rights & priviledge of thirds to my wife during her naturall life."

"wife patience Nelson" to be sole executrix.

"Also my desire is That my loving Son in law John Dotey

jun^{r} & Such other person or persons as my wife shall Desire may be helpfull to her in y^{e} performing this my will"

"my will is that when my son Samuel takes possession of y^{e} land that he give ten pounds to my Daughter Joanna."

The witnesses were John Cotton, John Bradford and Thomas Faunce, all of whom made oath to the will, at Plymouth, on 16 June, 1697, before William Bradford, Esq., Judge of Probate.

[1 : 272] On 16 June, 1697, the will was probated, and administration committed to Patience Nelson, executrix, by William Bradford, Judge of Probate.

[From original inventory] On 18 May, 1697, the inventory was taken, by Thomas Faunce, "Epraim morton" and "Nathanell Wood". No real estate was mentioned.

Patience Nelson, executrix, made oath to the inventory, before William Bradford, Esq., on 16 June, 1697. [The inventory was also recorded, 1 : 272.]

NOTES BY THE EDITOR

The Third Wife of John[3] Rogers. At various times John[3] Rogers (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) was a resident of Duxbury, Boston, Taunton and Swansea, Mass., also of the towns of Bristol and Barrington, both then in Massachusetts, but now in Rhode Island.

His first wife, who was the mother of his children, was Elizabeth Pabodie[3] (*Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]) of Duxbury, who died in 1677, 1678 or 1679.

His second wife was Hannah (Hobart) Browne, widow of John Browne of Salem, Mass., and daughter of Rev. Peter Hobart of Hingham, Mass. She died in 1691. [See the article on "Hobart—Bradford—Rogers—Turner", page 187 of this issue.]

The third wife of John[3] Rogers has heretofore been known only as Marah, the widow of Joseph Bruning, a bookseller of Boston, Mass., who died about 1691; but the Editor is now able to announce that he has discovered her maiden name. She was Marah Cobham, daughter of Josiah Cobham, of Salisbury, Mass.

In our January, 1918, issue, we shall print important data relating to John[3] Rogers (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]), his three wives and his children. If space permits, we shall then print the evidence which identifies the third wife as Marah (Cobham) Bruning.

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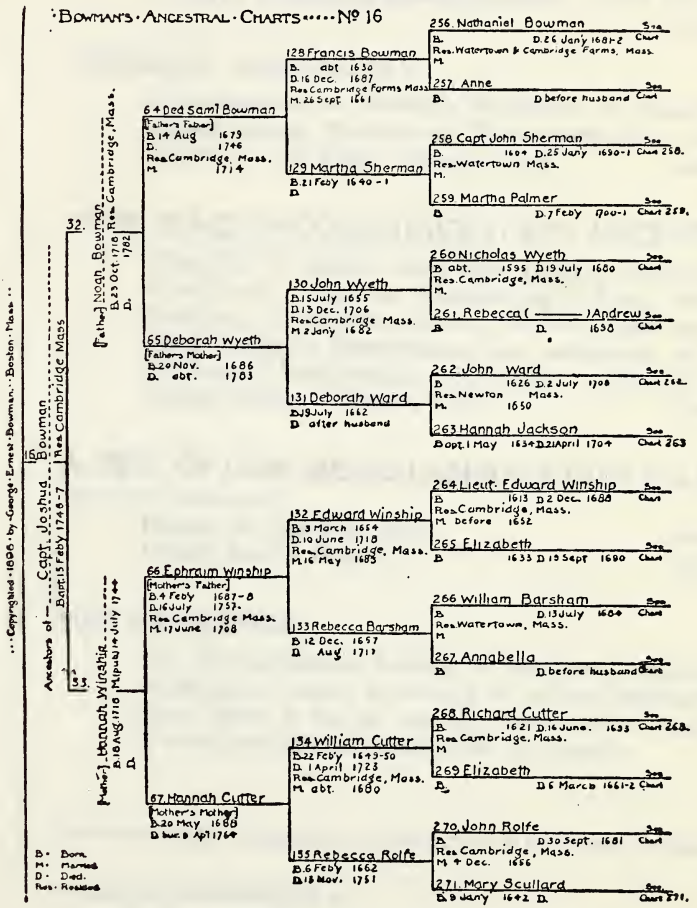

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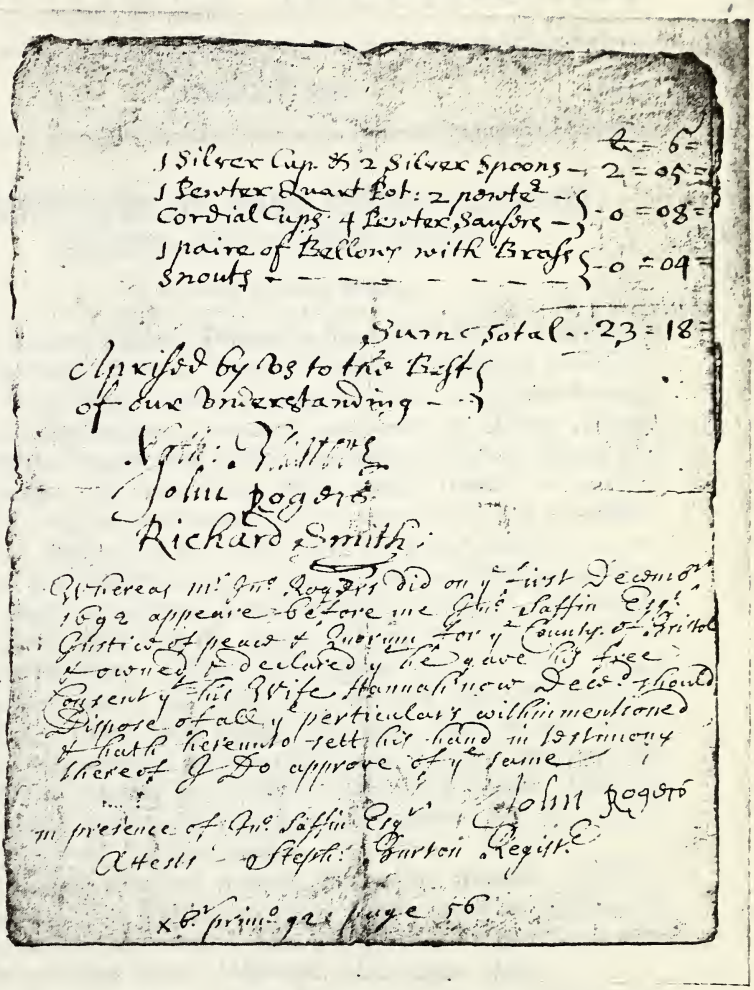

Two Autographs of John[3] Rogers

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THE ESTATES OF JOHN[3], ROGERS AND HIS SECOND AND THIRD WIVES

By George Ernest Bowman

John[3] Rogers (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]) lived in at least six different places: Duxbury, Bristol, Boston, Taunton, Swansea and Barrington, all of which were, during his life, in Massachusetts. Bristol and Barrington, however, are now in Rhode Island. Fortunately he bought and sold many parcels of real estate, and his movements are, therefore, more easily traced. A careful study of his real estate transactions has resulted in the identification, by the Editor, of the third wife of John[3] Rogers, as announced in our October, 1917, issue. [Volume XIX, page 192.]

John[3] Rogers married, first, Elizabeth Pabodie[3] (*Elizabeth*[2] *Alden, John*[1]), who was the mother of his five children, all recorded at Duxbury. [Mayflower Descendant, 9 : 171, 172.] These children were: Hannah[4], who married Samuel[3] Bradford (*William*[2-1]); John[4], who appears to have died without issue; Elizabeth[4], who married Silvester Richmond; Ruth[4], who married James Bennet; Sarah[4], who married Nathaniel Searle. [See the article, "John[3] Rogers to His Four Daughters and the Estate of His Only Son", in this issue.]

John[3] Rogers married, second, the widow Hannah (Hobart) Brown, who died at Bristol, in 1691. There were no children by this wife, as far as known. The proofs of this marriage were printed in our last issue. [Volume XIX, page 187.]

John[3] Rogers married, third, Marah (Cobham) Bruning (or Browning), the widow of Joseph Bruning of Boston, and the daughter of Josiah and Mary Cobham of Salisbury, Mass., and Boston. The proof of Marah's parentage will be found in the

article, "Cobham—Browning—Rogers", printed in this issue. There were no children by this third marriage.

The original will of Hannah, the second wife of John³ Rogers, is in the Bristol County, Mass., probate files; but it was not recorded, and the index did not mention this estate until the present writer called attention to the omission.

On one page of the original inventory of her personal estate are two autograph signatures of John³ Rogers, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

John³ Rogers died at Barrington, 28 June, 1732, and his third wife, and widow, Marah, was called "late of Rehoboth .... Deceased" in a petition, dated 8 December, 1739, concerning the appointment of an administrator for her estate.

In the following pages we present exhaustive abstracts of the will of Hannah (Hobart) (Brown) Rogers; of the antenuptial agreement between John³ Rogers and his third wife; of all records relating to the settlement of the estate of John³ Rogers; and of all records relating to the settlement of the estate of his widow, Marah (Cobham) (Browning) Rogers.

This article is printed at the expense of a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, a descendant of John³ Rogers, who does not wish to have his name published.

[Will of Hannah (Hobart) (Brown) Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Prob. From original will] Know all men by these presents that I Hannah Rogers formerly Browne now of Bristoll in y^e^ Collony of Plimoth in New England being sick and infirme of body not knowing how it may please God to deal with mee . do by these presents desire request and appoint my two brothers Gershom & Nehemiah Hobart impowring them or either of them to be as overseers of that goods that I may dye possessed off to demand & receive & of any pson or psons in whose hands they may be found, and if need be to sue for recover and take in to their hands and care all & every thing that was mine of what sort or kind, as also all debt or debts due to mee from any as Likewise to pay out of my estate whatsoever debt or debts may Legally appear due . and to have y^e^ full dispose and ordering of y^e^ abovesayd premises according to my mind given them or either of them either in word or writing left with them . and not to be called to an account after my decease by any of my successors or sirvivers afterwards butt to act

in that according to my order & their owne discression : This to be in forth after my decease and not otherwise : as witnesse my hand and seal this June : ninth one thousand six hundred and ninety one :

Testes — Hannah Rogers
Sarah Ingraham — (Seal)
Admin^con to Ger. Hob^t. x^br pri : 92 . page 56.

[Endorsed on the back] M^s Hannah Rogers : her Will : Refering the Desposeing of her Goods to her two Brothers : Gershom & Nehemiah Hobart :

[From original inventory] "An Inventory of the perticular Estate of M^rs Hannah Rogers Late Deceased, According to Perticular Agreement with M^r John Rogers of Bristol before Marriage, To be at her owne dispose" was taken, on 31 October, 1691, by Nathaniel Blagrove, John Rogers and Richard Smith. No real estate is included. The total was £23, 18s., 6d.

"Whereas M^r. Jn^o. Rogers did on y^e first Decemb^r 1692 appeare before me Jn^o. Saffin Esq^r Justice of peace & Quorum for y^e County of Bristol & owned & declared y^t he gave his free Consent y^t his Wife Hannah now Dece^d. should Dispose of all y^e perticulars within mentioned & hath hereunto sett his hand in testimony thereof I Do approve of y^e same

John Rogers

in presence of Jn^o. Saffin Esq^r
Attests Steph: Burton Regist^r.
xb^r. prim^o. 92 : page 56"

[Antenuptial Agreement of John Rogers and Marah Browning]

[Suffolk Co. Deeds, 21 : 130] "This Indenture Tripartite made and concluded on in Boston .... this twenty second day of March, Annoq^e R R^s et Reginae Gulielmi et Mariae nunc Angliae &^a Quinto*; Betwixt John Rogers of New Bristoll al^s Mounthope Planter of the first part, Jacob Mollyn Leather Dresser of Boston afores^d, and William Rouse of Boston afores^d Goldsmith of the second part, and Marah Browning of Boston afores^d Widow of the third part, Witnesses that the said John Rogers for and in Consideracon of a Marriage to be Shortly had performed and made betwixt the S^d John Rogers & Marah Browning it is Covenanted .... between the Said partys to these presents .... that the said John Rogers .... agreeth to & with

*22 March, 1692/3.

the Said Jacob Molloyn & William Rouse them & either of them they & either of their Exec[rs] Adm[rs] & assignes for the use behoofe and in Especiall Trust for the Said Marah, That Shee the Said Marah Shall & may have the free and full Disposition of the Sum of Eight hundred pounds Curr[t] mony of New England and Shall and may have hold occupy enjoy employ improve the afores[d] eight hundred pounds or any part thereof from time to time and at all times hereafter as She the Said Marah Shall See fitt & . . . . that She the Said Marah at any time dureing the Coverture Between . . . . the Said John Rogers & Marah may from time to time and at all times hereafter give grant devise order and dispose thereof by Will & Testam[t] or by any other writeing purporting or Intending to be her last will & Testam[t] or by any other writeing to be Signed with her hand or to which her marke Shall be put in or by which She the Said Marah Shall give bequeath assigne or appoint to any person or persons all or any part of the afores[d] Eight hundred pounds, That then he the S[d] John Rogers . . . . will In reasonable time . . . . cause the Same her will & Testam[t] gift request Bequest assignment or appointm[t] to the afores[d] Sum or value of Eight hundred pounds to be executed . . . . and the Said Marah . . . . Doth Covenant . . . . That if after the S[d] Marriage had & Solemnized She the S[d] Marah do over live the S[d] John, receiveing & haveing the full and absolute disposition of the aforemenconed Eight hundred pounds as afores[d], that then She the Said Marah Shall not have or claim any manner of other Dower jointure or other Estate by reason of the Said Marriage between her & the Said John, of in or to any of y[e] lands which now is or hereafter he the Said John Shall or may lawfully claim a right unto".

The agreement was signed by John Rogers only. The witnesses were Morrice Shadbolt (by a mark) and John Watson. John Rogers acknowledged the agreement, in Boston, 7 August, 1699, before Jeremiah Dummer, Justice of the Peace. It was recorded 12 November, 1702.

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 28 : 246] On 21 September, 1732, "Marah Rogers of Barrington in the County of Bristol . . . . Wid[o] having good Right and full power to give assign or appoint unto any person or persons the sum of Eight Hundred pounds Currant money of Newengland By virtue of a Covenant of marriage Barring Date" 22 March "annoq RR[s] & Reginæ Gulielmi & Mariæ nunc angliæ & Quinto* given by my hon[d] Husban John

* 22 March, 1692/3.

Rogers Ge[t] Dec[d] I Therefore do by these presents assign and appoint the aforesaid sum of" £800 "Currant money unto my well beloved Kinsman John Peirce of Rehoboth in the County & province afores[d] yeoman"

This assignment was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Benjamin Viall, Joseph Viall and Benjamin Chaffe. On 23 October, 1732, the "Instrument was Read unto" Marah Rogers, at Barrington, and she acknowledged it, before Samuel Brown, Justice of the Peace. It was recorded 11 June, 1740, by Samuel Howland, Register.

[Estate of John³ Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Prob. From original petition] "Dighton August. 30th, 1732 Hondd Sr Whereas our Hondd Aunts mrs Bradford & mrs Searls Have expressed their desires that one of our family should be assisting with them in administring upon the Estate of our Hondd Grandfather mr. John Rogers [Late] of Barrington Disceased; these may signify to your Honnr, that it is the desire of us whose names are under-written that our Loveing Brother Wil[liam] Richmond might be the person." The petition was signed by: Peleg Richmond, Perez Richmond, Ichabod Richmond, Nathaniel Fisher, Ephraim Atwood, Peleg Heath.

"filed in the Register office September y[e] 5th 1732"

[This petition was not recorded]

[Bristol Co. Prob. 7:404] On 5 September, 1732, administration was granted "To mr Peres Bradford of milton in the County of Suffolk Gentleman & William Richmond & Nathaniel Searle both of Little Compton in the County of Bristol yeomen Administrators to the Estate of their Grandfather mr John Rogers Late of Barrington deceased the widdow and Two Daughter Refusing to Administer"

[From original bond] On 5 September, 1732, "Peres" Bradford of Milton, gentleman, William Richmond and "Nathaneil Searle Jur" both of Little Compton, as administrators, with "Nathaneil Searls" and Silvester Richmond, both of Little Compton, as sureties, gave a bond of £3000. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and Nathaniel Gilbert. The bond was not recorded.

[From original document] "An inventory of the Personal Estate of John Rogers Esq[r] Lat of Barrington Decased" was

taken by Benjamin Viall, Samuel Allen and James Adams on 12 September, 1732. The total was £977, 18s., 8d. Among the items are: "one Cane" 10s.; "one Large Silver tanker" £30; "one Small Silver tanker" £10; "three Silver Spunes" £3; "one Silver Cup" £2; "one Silver Dram Cup" 16s.; "tow Gould Ringes" £2, 10s.; "one pair of Silver Shu buckeles" 18s.; "tow Dosin and nine of Silver butteans" £3, 10s.; "one flagone" 16s.; "one Cand Del Steck" 10s. It is interesting to note that £807, in sums ranging from £10 to £212, was due the estate, on thirteen notes and bonds. The inventory was sworn to by the three appraisers and the three administrators 11 October, 1732. [It was also recorded, 21 October, 1732, in Book 7, page 434.]

[From unrecorded petition] "To the Hon^bl Nathaniell Blagrove Esq^r Judge of probates and granting Letters of Administration in the County of Bristoll The Hum^bl petition of Mary* Rogers widow and relick of John Rogers Late of Swanzey in the County of Bristoll Esq^r Deceasd humbly sheweth That my said Hussband Deied intesstate and therefore no provission made for Beding and other nessessary Utinsills for housekeeping for me and my Servants : and the Administrators Deniing and refuseing to allow the same : out of Deceased hussbands Estate your Hon^rs petitioner Therefore prays your Hon^r would please to assign and set out to her such and so much of The Beding and other nessessary utensills for housekeeping as your Hon^r in your wisdom shall Judg nessessary for me and my servants in my aged and weak condition agreable to the Law of This province page 209 and your petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray" The petition was signed "marah Rogers". The witnesses were Peleg Richmond and Mary Viall. The petition was not dated, but was filed 7 November, 1732.

[From unrecorded original] "The Petition & Complaint of us the Subscribers Adm^rs of the Estate of John Rogers Esq^r late of Barrington Dces^d Intestate . Humbly shew That There is a Bead, & peace of Garlix belonging to the Estate of s^d Dces^d which Garlix he Dyed seizd of And was In the House at the Time of his death & when we Came to Take an Inventory of the Estate y^e s^d Bead & peice of Garlix were not to be Found & also we have Grate Reason to Suspect that Divers bonds of Considerable Sums belonging to y^e s^d Dces^d & Money & Other

* This is an error of the person who wrote the original. The name should have been "Marah".

personall Estate of the s[d] Dces[d] is Concealed Imbezelled & Conveyd Away whereby the Complainants Have Grate Reason to suspect that Marah Rogers the Widd[o] of s[d] Dces[d] And John Peirce of Rehoboath who was Known to be often at the House of the s[d] Dces[d] both before & Since the Death of the s[d] Dces[d] Are Guilty of Concealing Imbezelling & Conveying away the Same & they Refuse to Surrender up the Same to us. & to make the Suspicion More strong & Violent Ag[t] them we have Divers Evidences to Produce: In the Case that Are Verry Considerably Knowing in the affair Wherefore we Humbly pray Your Hon[r] to Cause the said Marah Rogers & John Peirce to Come before you & be Exam[d] upon there Oaths Touching the premisses . & be proceeded Ag[t] According to y[e] law"

The petition was dated 30 November, 1732, and signed by "Peres" Bradford, William Richmond and "Nath[ll] Searle Jun[r]"

"Witnesses to prove y[e] Comp[t] The Rev[d] M[r] Peleg Heath John Salisbury Benj Mason Sam[l] Bowen Rich[d] Lee Jun[r] John Hulet"

"filed Dcember y[e] 1 1732"

[From unrecorded original] "The Memorial of us the Subscribers Adm[rs] of the Estate of John Rogers Esq[r] late of Barrington Dces[d] in Answer to the Petition of Marah Rogers widd[o] of the s[d] Dces[d] : wherein she Moves to your Hon[r] that Beading & other Necessary Utensils for House Keeping ffor her self & Serv[ts] : may be assigned & Set of to her Out of her Husbands Estate &c To which yo[r] your Memoriallists Are Humbly of the Opinion would be a Verry Grate Hardship : & Striping of the Heirs of there Just right if the widd[os] Ends are all Answred: ffor in the first place she pretends . That There was a Covenant made by the s[d] Dces[d] before Marriage to Feofees in Trust ffor her use for the Security of Eight Hundred pounds Current Money of New England . And which Covenant is Now put in suit Ag[t] us to be heard & Tryed at y[e] Next Inferiour Court at Boston in January Next & if y[t] Pretended Covenant she so Much Relys upon should take Effect it Bars her of Recovering Any More of the Estate of s[d] Dces[d] & will Strip the Estate with alertness with out Ading Any More to it And Untill There is a finell Issue in y[e] law upon the s[d] Covenant your Memoriallists pray their May Not be Any of the person[l] Estate Assigned or Set of to y[e] widd[o]—ffor That Suit will ffinelly Determine the Case whether the widd[o] Ought to have Any of the person[l] Estate set Out to her or Not"

This memorial was not dated. It was signed by "Peres" Bradford, William Richmond and "Nath[ll] Searle Jun[r]".

"filed in y[e] office Dcember y[e] 1 1732"

[From unrecorded original] "The Petition of us the Subscribers adm[trs] of the Estate of John Rogers Esqr late of Barrinton Deceased Intestate humbly sheweth that whereas your Petitioners have filed a Complaint against Marah Rogers widdow of s[d] Deceasd and John Peirce of Rehoboth for Concealing Imbezelling & conveying away some of the Estate of s[d] Deceasd mentioned in s[d] Complaint; and whereas the s[d] Marah Rogers hath not been Cited in, nor hath the s[d] John Peirce had his oath given him, according to the Prayer of S[d] Petition; your Petitioners therefore humby pray your honour to cause the s[d] Marah Rogers & John Peirce to come before you & be Examined upon oath as the Law Directs"

The petition was dated 27 January, 1732, and signed by "Peres" Bradford, William Richmond and "Nath[ll] Searle Jun[r]". It was "filed in the Registers office January y[e] 27 1732/3"

[Endorsed on the back] "febuary y[e] 10 1732/3 The Administrators Came and withdrew this prayer"

[From unrecorded petition] "Whereas the administrators to y[e] Estate of mr John Rogers Esq Late of Swanzy Diseased, put in their prayer to your Honn[r] that John Peirce of Rehoboth and mrs Marah Rogers might be convented before your Honn[r] in order to their Haveing an oath administred to them as y[e] Law directs see Law Book page 141.2 . y[t] they have no ways Conceald nor imbezeled any of the Estate of sd mr. Rogers Diseased (for Reasons of suspicion inserted in sd Prayer) In Answer wherto we understand sd John Peirce was Cited and did appear before your Honn[r] but had not an oath administred to him, which we are Readdy to attribute to y[e] negligence of sd Administs (att least we apprehend they were too favorable to him) and therefore as sd Law provides in such case, Wee whose names are underwritten Heyrs to a small part of sd Estate Vehemently suspecting the persons above mentioned to have Concealed or Imbezeled some of sd Estate they being betrusted by sd mr Rogers with y[e] management of his Estate During the time of his Darkness*; which we must be of y[e] opinion will be lookt upon as Equivalent to sickness; in y[e] Law; and that in this time sd Peirce gave Receipts in his own name for mony he Received which was

* Blindness.

due to our Hond Grandfather upon Bond which greatly strenghens our suspicion of him, as also mr Salsburys oath taken before Justice Fales that sd John Peirce told him that there was due to our Hondd Grandfarther (since he was Dark) by writings obligatory no less than Eighteen Hundred pound, whereas we find but about 6 or 700 Inventoried, for which Reasons we Humbly Request your Honn[r] forthwith to Cite y[e] persons above mentioned to appear before your Honn[r] that they may be examined about this matter and dealt with as y[e] Law in such Case Directs . and your Petioners shall ever pray."

The petition was dated at Dighton, 1 February, 1732/3, and signed by Nathaniel Fisher and Silvester Richmond. It was filed in the Register's office, 2 February, 1732/3.

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 21 : 333] On 7 February, 1732/3, "I Marah Rogers of Barrington in the County of Bristol and Province of the Massachusets Bay . . . . Widow & Relict of John Rogers Esq[r] Late of Barrington afores[d] Deceased for & Consideration of" £500 "in good & Lawfull Bills of Credit on the province of the massachusets Bay aforesaid to me . . . . paid by Peres Bradford William Richmond & Nathaniel Searles administrators on the Estate of the Said John Rogers . . . . quit Claim unto the Children and grand Children the heirs of the said John . . . . all the Right . . . . of Dower & thirds Claim or demand whatsoever I now have or . . . . hereafter can pretend to have as Relict aforesaid or otherwise howsoever of in or to any of the estate either Real or personall that did of Right belong to the s[d] John Rogers"

The deed was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Mary Viall and John Pierce. It was acknowledged by Marah Rogers, the deed "first being Read to her", at Barrington, 7 February, 1732/3, before Silvester Richmond, Justice of the Peace. It was recorded 9 February, 1732/3, by Samuel Howland, Register.

[Bristol Co. Prob. From unrecorded petition] "Whereas we the subscribers Heyrs to y[e] Estate of John Rogers Esq late of Barrington Disceased Have Just grounds suspicion that Marah Rogers the widdow and Releck of the sd John Rogers John Hulett and John Peirce who were all with him in the time of his sickness and Darkness Have Imbezeled Concealed and Conveyed away some of y[e] Estate of y[e] sd Disceased, and whereas the administrs on sd Estate Have been too favorable to those suspicious persons and have hitherto neglected to Deall with them

as the Law directs in that Case: we doe therefore Humbly pray your Honnr forthwith to cite in sd Marah Rogers John Hulett and John Peirce to Come before your Honnr that they may Have an oath administred to them as the Law Directs and your petitioners as In duty Bound shall Ever pray"

Signed by Silvester Richmond, Ichabod Richmond and Ephraim Atwood, and dated 10 February, 1732/3. Filed 11 July, 1733.

[From unrecorded summons] "Whereas Complaint hath been made by Silvester Richmond, Ichabod Richmond, Ephraim Atwood, Heirs to the Estate of Mr John Rogers late of Barington deceasd . . . . that they have great reason to Suspect that John Pearce of Rehoboth Yeoman, & John Hulet of Swansey Husbandman who was with the said Rogers in his sickness and darkness hath conceal'd and imbezled and convey'd away some of the Estate of the said Decd:" said Pearce and Hulet were summonsed to appear "at the Widow Howlands in Bristol on Tuesday 17th day of July instant at Eleven a Clock in the forenoon then to acquit your selves by your Oaths of what you are suspected of, or otherwise to be proceeded with as the Law directs". Dated 11 July, 1733. "Returned into ye Probaite office" 17 July, 1733.

At a Probate Court held 17 July, 1733, John Pearce and John Hulett "made oath in Court that they had not Concealed Imbezeled or Conveyed away any of ye moneys goods or Chattels of ye afors[d] John Rogers Esqr decesd: Intestate & upon takeing the were acquited Jurat Coram N: Blagrove"

The summons and action thereon were also recorded, 7 : 583.

[Bristol Co. Prob. 8 : 50] On 25 September, 1733, "Then marah Rogers widdow and Relict of ye Late John Rogers Late of Barrington Eqr before me Declared that She had one Tabel Cloth five napkins and Twenty pounds of feathers or theire aboutes which her Said husband gave her in his Life time and that She had Sixty pounds which She always Kept to her self from her former widdowhood and in her husband Rogers Life time To Trade with, and was no part of the Estate he had with her and then made Oath that She had not Concealed Conveyed away or Imbezled any of the money or Estate of the Said John Rogers Since his Sickness or Death

Coram N. Blagrove"

"Entered January ye 17 1733"

[Estate of Widow Marah Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Prob. From unrecorded petition] Mary Newel of Brookline, Suffolk County, "Akin unto Marah Rogers Late of Rehob[oth] . . . . County of Bristol, Deceased Intesta[te] . . . . your Petitioner being Advanced in age . . . . Humbly Prays that . . . . my Two Sons viz John Newel and Moses Newel to be Administrators to my Ant marah Rogers Estate" The petition bears no date. It was signed by a mark.

[From unrecorded petition] On 8 December, 1739, Joseph Simpson, Jr., and Jonathan Blake "being near relations to Marah Rogers of Rehoboth widᵂ" deceased, petitioned to be heard before an administrator was appointed. The petition was dated at Boston. "Filed in the Probate office" 10 December, 1739. "Continued til Wednesday 3 Clock Afternoon John Pearc familey beng not wel"

[9 : 363] On 19 February, 1739, administration was granted to "John Newel and moses Newel Both of Brookline . . . . yeomen".

[From original bond] On 20 February, 1739, John Newel and Moses Newel, as administrators, gave a bond of £500, with "Peres Bradford of Swansey Esqʳ Peleg Heath of Barrington Clerk" as sureties. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and John Child.

[From original petition] On 5 March, 1739, John Newel and Moses Newel, administrators, filed a complaint "That they have Grait Reason Suspect that John Pearc of Rehoboth and Peleg Richmond of Barrington and mary his Wife have Concealed Embezled or Conveyed away Considerable of the moneys Goods or Chattles of the Aforsaid Marah Rogers" and petitioned that they be cited before the court.

[From original citation] On 5 March, 1739, "John Pearce of Rehoboth . . . . yeoman" was cited to appear at a court 18 March, 1739, at "the widdow Yetmercy Howlands In Bristol". The summons was served 14 March, 1739, and, on the date set, John Pearce declared that he had concealed nothing, and would deliver what he had to the administrators, to be appraised.

[From original citation] On 5 March, 1739, John Pearce of Rehoboth, and Peleg Richmond and Mary his wife of Barrington, were summonsed to appear as above.

THE ESTATE OF COL. JOHN³ ALDEN OF DUXBURY AND THE WILL OF HIS WIDOW HANNAH

By the Editor

Col. John³ Alden (*Jonathan²*, *John¹*) of Duxbury, died there on 24 July, 1739, in his 58th year, and his widow, Hannah (Briggs) Alden, died there on 8 February, 1739/40, in her 56th year. Their gravestones are in the Old Cemetery on Centre St., South Duxbury, Mass.

John³ and Hannah Alden had seven children: John⁴, died young; Samuel⁴; Judah⁴; Anna⁴; Deborah⁴, died young; Briggs⁴; Abigail⁴. Their births will be found on page 22 of our eleventh volume. The deaths of the parents, and of the two children, John⁴ and Deborah⁴, will be found on page 159 of our ninth volume.

In the following pages, we present exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estate of Col. John³ Alden and his widow, Hannah (Briggs) Alden, the proper reference being noted with each abstract.

This article is printed at the expense of Mr. Horace H. Soule, of Boston, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Col. John³ Alden, through his daughter, Anna⁴ Alden, who married Benjamin Loring.

[Col. John³ Alden's Estate]

[8:119] On 25 September, 1739, "Hannah Alden of Duxbourough . . . . Widow" was appointed administratrix on the estate of "John Alden Late of Duxbourough . . . . Esq^r . . . . lately Dyed Intestate"

[From original bond] On 25 September, 1739, Hannah Alden, widow, of Duxbury, as administratrix, with Joshua Loring and Benjamin Loring, yeomen, both of Duxbury, as sureties, gave bond for £2000. The witnesses were Thomas Loring and Hannah Southworth. [The bond was not recorded.]

[From original letter] On 9 April, 1740, "Whereas John Alden Late of Duxboro afores^d Esq^r Dyed Intestate and administration . . . . was Comitted to his Widdo Hannah Alden who is also Since Dec^d & has not Compleated her Adm^n afores^d", administration on the remainder of the estate was committed

to "Benj[a] Loring of Duxboro . . . . Sadler". [The letter was also recorded, 8 : 183.]

[8 : 380] An inventory of the real and personal estate was made by John Wadsworth, Gamaliel Bradford and Samuel Weston. The inventory was not dated, but was sworn to, by the three appraisers, on 22 December, 1739. The real estate was: "the Farme whereon he Dwelt with all y[e] Houseings Fenceing & Appurtenances thereunto belonging" £2000; "his Wood Lott Contiguous to y[e] Land of Phillip Delano" £160; "his Timber Lott adjacent to the Land of Abr[a] Samson" £85; "his Shares in y[e] Salt meadows which formerly were Comons" £16; "his Intrest in y[e] Cedar Swamp Called Spragues Swamp" £25; "his Intrest in the Majors Purchase" £48*.

"One quarter of a Schooner" was valued at £80.

On 22 May, 1741, Benjamin Loring, administrator, made oath to the inventory.

[8 : 384] On 21 May, 1741, "Benjamin Loring adm[r] De Bonis non On the Estate of Coll[o] John Alden" presented an account. Payments had been made to: Capt. John Chandler; Robert Stanford; Ephraim Norcutt; Samuel Bartlett, Esq.; Samuel Clarke; Jedediah Bourne; Francis Adams; Dr. Lebaron; Nathaniel Ryall; Thomas Hubbart, Esq.; "M[r] Kinnicum"; Joshua Cushman; Thomas Prence; William Brewster; Dr. Harlow; "Jo" Simmons; Widow Jackson; Nicholas Sever, Esq.; John Murdoch, Esqr.; Widow Cole; Abial Fuller; Joshua Dellano; Thomas Southworth; Widow Bradford; Lemuel Dellano; Amariah Dellano; "Viah" Chandler; Joshua Loring; John Southworth; Jonathan Dellano; Thomas Savage; Samuel Seabury; Ezra Arnold; Benjamin Alden; Peter Rols; "M[rs] West"; Abisha Soul; John Wadsworth; Dr. Jackson; Benjamin Simmons; James Partridge; James Bowdoin, Esq.; Benjamin Samson; Joseph Chandler; Benjamin Loring; Samuel Alden.

[8 : 385] "Whereas . . . . the Real Estate of John Allden Esqr late of Duxbor[o] . . . . Dec[d] Intestate Cant admit of Division, among all his Children & his Legall Representatives so that Each One may have his or her proportion thereof without great prejudice to or Spoiling of y[e] whole, more Especially the homestead . . . . and the Estate haveing been apprised . . . . at" £2684, "which with" £129, 7s., "which the s[d] Deceasd Advanced to his Daughter Anna in his life time Towards her portion makes 2813 : 7 : 0 Of which One Sixth part or Share is 468 : 17 : 10 & Sam[ll] Allden Eldest son of y[e] s[d] Deceasd, haveing Desird that

* Inventoried at £60, but the administrator's account states that a mistake had been made.

the Homestead and the Wood lott that Joyns to Phillip Dellanos Land both apprized . . . . at £2160 might be Settled on him he paying to the Other Children of s[d] Deceas'd and there Representatives what it Amounts to more than his two shares thereof" the Court assigned the real estate as follows:

To "Sam[l] Alden the Eldest son the Farme where y[e] Deceas'd dwelt with y[e] buildings & appurtenances . . . . And y[e] wood Lott which lyes adjoyning to y[e] Land of Phillip Dellano . . . . he haveing now Given Security for y[e] payment of 1222.4.4 in bills of Credit being what Remains after his double portion which is £937.15.8 is Deducted that is to say he haveing givein Security for payment of £248.17.10 to y[e] Adm[r] of Judah Allden Deceasd One of the sons of the s[d] Deceasd, and £334.17.10 To Briggs Allden another son of the s[d] Deceasd & 254.10.10 to Anna Loreing a Daughter of s[d] Deceasd and £383.17.10 To Abigail Allden the other daughter & Child of s[d] Deceasd."

To "the Heirs of s[d] Judah Allden all the Lands which the s[d] John Dec[d] had in Ashford in y[e] Collony of Conneticut . . . . apprized at" £220 "which with y[e] s[d] 248.17.10 makes theire Sixth part of s[d] Estate"

"To Briggs Allden all the Lands which the s[d] Intestate had in North yarmouth prized at £70 and a Share in y[e] Salt marsh in s[d] Duxbor[o] which was formerly Duxbor[o] Comons prized at £16 and the Intestates Intrest in land at the Majors purchase so Called at £48 . . . . which with the aforesaid £334.17.10 makes up his Sixth part of s[d] Estate"

To "Anna Loring the share of Land which the Deceasd had at Contoocook apprized at £60 and y[e] Intrest he had in y[e] Cedar swamp Called Spragues swamp prizd at £25 . . . . which with the £129:7. She Rec[d] of s[d] John in his Life time and the 254:10:10 makes up her Sixth part of s[d] Estate"

To "Abigail Allden The Lott which the s[d] Intestate had at a place Called South River Joyning to Abraham Samsons land prized at £85 . . . . which with s[d] £383:17:10 makes up her Sixth part of s[d] Estate"

This division of the estate was made 10 June, 1741.

[Widow Hannah Alden's Will]

[From original will] "Hannah Alden, of Duxborough . . . . Widow" made her will 1 February, 1739*. Bequests were as follows:

* 12 February, 1740, in New Style dating.

To "Son Samuel" £10, "to be payed by my Sons Judah & Briggs; by each five Pounds."

To "my Son Judah, all my Lands att Ashford in . . . . Conneticut, and a Sett of gold Buttons"

To "my Son Briggs, all my Lands att Woodstock*, in the County of Worcester."

To "my two Daughters, Anna and Abigail, all my wearing Cloaths,"

"my Son Judah" was appointed sole executor.

The witnesses were Pelatiah West, Samuel Weston and Matthew Cushing, all of whom made oath to the will on 5 March, 1739†. [The will was also recorded, 8 : 153.]

[From original letter] On 5 March, 1739†, the will was probated and administration granted to "her Son Judah Alden of s[d] Duxboro Marriner" [The letter was also recorded, 8 : 154.]

[Guardians of Briggs[4] Alden and Abigail[4] Alden]

[From original letter] On 7 April, 1740, "Benj[a] Loring of Duxboro . . . . Saddler" was appointed guardian of "Abigal Alden a minor Daughter of Jn[o] Alden Late of Duxboro . . . . Esq[r] Dec[d]" [The letter was also recorded, 8 : 166.]

[From original bond] On 7 April, 1740, "Benj[n] Loring", saddler, as guardian of Abigail Alden, with Joshua Loring, glazier, as surety, both of Duxbury, gave bond for £500. The witnesses were John Winslow and "Ezek: Turner". [The bond was not recorded.]

[8 : 176] On 22 May, 1740, "Samuel Weston of Duxbourough . . . . yeoman" was appointed guardian to "Briggs Alden. a Minor son of John Alden late of Duxbourough afores[d] Esq[r] Deaceased"

[From original bond] On 22 May, 1740, Samuel Weston, yeoman, as guardian of Briggs Alden, with Gamaliel Bradford, gentleman, as surety, both of Duxbury, gave bond for £800. The witnesses were Samuel Seabury, Jr., and Joseph Freeman. [The bond was not recorded.]

* Then in Worcester County, Mass., now in Windham County, Conn.

† 16 March, 1740, in New Style dating.

THE ESTATE OF ZACHARIAH[4] STANDISH OF PLYMPTON, MASS.

By the Editor

At the expense of Mrs. Abner H. Davis, of Philadelphia, Pa., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, we here present an exhaustive abstract of all records, and original papers on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estate of Zachariah[4] Standish of Plympton, Mass.

Mrs. Davis is a descendant of Zachariah[4] and Abigail (Whitman) Standish, through their first child, Ebenezer[5] Standish, who married Averick Churchill.

Zachariah[4] Standish (*Ebenezer*[3], *Alexander*[2], *Myles*[1]) was born 12 October, 1698, and married, 13 October, 1720, Abigail Whitman. Zachariah died at Plympton, 30 March, 1770, and Abigail, his widow, died there, 30 August, 1778.

The proper reference, to the probate record, or the original document, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[The Estate of Zachariah[4] Standish]

[From original petition] On 23 April, 1770, Abigail Standish, of Plympton, "y^e^ wido of Zacharih Standish Late Of plimton* Decest" and "Zacharih Standish" of Plympton, "Sun of y^e^ Decest" petitioned the Probate Court to appoint "Josiah Sturtevant Ju^r^ Esq^r^" administrator on the estate of "y^e^ Said Zachre Standish Decest". Abigail Standish signed by a mark. [The petition was not recorded.]

[From original bond] On 2 May, 1770, Josiah Sturtevant, Jr., Esq., of Halifax, as administrator, with John Thomas of Plymouth, gentleman, and Nelson Finney of Middleborough, gentleman, as sureties, gave a bond for £500. The witnesses were "Ed Winslow" and "Ed Winslow Jun^r^" [The bond was not recorded.]

[20:355] On 2 May, 1770, notice was given of the appointment, on that day, of Josiah Sturtevant, Jr., of Halifax, "Esq^r^",

* "Halifax" was first written, but it was at once crossed out and the petition continued as printed.

as "administrator on the estate of Zachariah Standish late of Plimton deced"

[20:451] On 8 May, 1770, "An Inventory of all the estate" of "Zachariah Standish late of Plimton deced" was taken, at Plympton, by Moses Inglee, John Waterman and Seth Bryant. The only real estate was "Cedar swamp" £4. The total amount of the inventory was £95, 8s., 3d. The three appraisers made oath to the inventory, 7 January, 1771, before Josiah Sturtevant, Jr., Justice of the Peace. On the same day, Josiah Sturtevant, Jr., Esq., administrator, made oath to the inventory, before John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

[21:218] The account of Josiah Sturtevant, Jr., administrator, was presented and allowed on 4 January, 1773. Personal property had been delivered to the widow, and to Zachariah Standish, son of the deceased.

[From original warrant] On 3 December, 1805, "Elijah Bisbey Esqr. & Isaac Churchill. yeoman both of Plymton & John Waterman of Halifax. Gentleman" were appointed to "take a view of a certain piece of Cedar swamp. Containing twelve acres or thereabouts, lying . . . . in said Halifax, whereof Zackariah Standish, late of said Plymton, yeoman, deceased, died seized, and which was omitted in the settlement of s[d] deced's Estate and you are to divide the same into six equal parts or shares and assign & set off to. The Heirs or legal representatives of Ebenezer Standish deceased. Two shares thereof—and to the Heirs or legal representatives of Hannah Cushman deceased, one share thereof—to the Heirs or legal representatives of Sarah Cushman deceased, one share thereof, to the heirs or legal representatives, of Abigail Wright deceased, one share thereof and and to the heirs or legal representatives of Zackariah Standish (the younger) deceased, one share thereof. . . . so that the Heirs aforesaid may hold and improve their respective shares in severalty" [The warrant was also recorded, 42:22.]

[From original division] On 5 January, 1807, Elijah Bisbe, Isaac Churchill and John Waterman divided "a Piece of Ceder swamp Containing about twelve acres and in the thirty eighth Lot of Ceder Swamp Called kings Swamp in Hallifax that Zachariah Standish Late of Plymton yerman Decesed Died Seazed of amongst the Severel heirs of the S[d] Decesed . . . . as followeth"

"to the Heirs of Sarah Cushman One Sixth Part Lying the North Side of S[d] Swamp Beginning at a Stake Being the Easterly Corner bound of S[d] Swamp thence Ranging South thirty eight Degrees West three Rods to a Stake marked thence North

forty one Degrees and a half West to the Hereng Rever and the North westerly End is Bounded by S[d] Rever and the Northerly Sid it is Bounded by the Swamp formerly Belonged to William Sturtevant"

"to the Heirs of abigill Wright one Sixth Part thereof Bounded as followeth Beginning at a Stake Being the Southwest Corner Bound of the first Share thence Ranging South thirty eight Degrees West three Rods to a Stake thence North forty three Degrees west to the Hering Rever thence up stream by the Rever to the first Share thence by S[d] first Share to the Bound first mentioned"

"to the Heirs of Ebenezer Standish two Sixth Parts Bound as followeth Begining at a Stake Being the South westerly Corner Bound of the Second Share thence Rangeing South thirty eight Degrees West Six Rods to a Stake thence North forty seven Degrees and a Half West to the Herin Rever thence up Stream by S[d] Rever to the Second Share thence by S[d] Second Share to the Bound first mentioned"

"to the Heirs of Hannah Cushman One Sixth Part thereof Bounded as followeth Beginning at a Stake Being the Southwest Corner Bound of the Last mentioned Share thence Ranging South thirty eight Degrees West three Rods to a Stake thence North fifty Degrees West to the Hering Rever thence up Stream to the S[d] Last mentioned Share thence by S[d] Share to the Bound first mentioned"

"to the Heirs of Zachariah Standish Jur Son to the S[d] Decesed one Sixth Part there of Bounded as Followeth Beginning at a Stake Being the South west Corner Bound of the Last mentioned Share thence Ranging South thirty eight Degrees West three Rods to a Stak thence North fifty two Degrees West in the Range of the thirty eighth Lot to the Hering Rever thence up Stream to the Last mentioned Share thence by S[d] Share to the Bound first mentioned"

Elijah Bisbe, Esq., Isaac Churchill and John Waterman made oath to the division, on 5 January, 1807, and it was confirmed by the Judge of Probate. [The division was also recorded, 42 : 23.]

JOHN³ ROGERS TO HIS FOUR DAUGHTERS AND THE ESTATE OF HIS ONLY SON

By the Editor

John³ Rogers (*John*², *Thomas*¹) married, first, Elizabeth Pabodie³ (*Elizabeth*² *Alden, John*¹), of Duxbury, who was the mother of his five children: Hannah⁴ Rogers, John⁴ Rogers, Elizabeth⁴ Rogers, Ruth⁴ Rogers and Sarah⁴ Rogers.

Hannah⁴ Rogers married Samuel³ Bradford (*William*²⁻¹).

Elizabeth⁴ Rogers married Silvester Richmond.

Ruth⁴ Rogers married James Bennet.

Sarah⁴ Rogers married Nathaniel Searle.

John⁴ Rogers, the son, died about 1696, apparently unmarried. He certainly had no living descendants in 1732, when his father's estate was settled.

In the following pages we present exhaustive abstracts of six deeds recorded in the Bristol County, Mass., Registry of Deeds; also an exhaustive abstract of all records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estate of the son, John⁴ Rogers, of Duxbury.

The first deed printed is a deed of gift, dated 27 October, 1681, from John³ Rogers to his four daughters, Hannah⁴ Rogers, Elizabeth⁴ Rogers, Ruth⁴ Rogers and Sarah⁴ Rogers (all then under age and unmarried), with a proviso that if they all died unmarried the whole was to go to their brother, John⁴ Rogers.

The other deeds printed prove the marriages of the four daughters, all of whom survived their brother.

The second marriage of John³ Rogers, to the widow Hannah (Hobart) Brown, and his third marriage, to the widow Marah (Cobham) Browning, have been given especial attention in our October, 1917, issue. [Volume XIX, pages 187 and 192.]

The evidence which proves that Marah, the third wife of John³ Rogers, was a daughter of Josiah Cobham, of Salisbury and Boston, will be found in the Editor's article on "Cobham—Browning—Rogers", printed in this issue.

The settlement of the estate of John³ Rogers will be found at page one of the present issue.

The proper reference, to the records, or the original document, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[John³ Rogers to His Four Daughters]

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 1:247] On 27 October, 1681, "John Rogers Liveing Upon mount Hope Neck in the Jurisdiction of New plimouth .... in Consideration of the Naturall Love & affeacttion to my four Daughters Namely Hannah Rogers and Elizabeth Rogers and Ruth Rogers and Sarah Rogers, my true & Naturall Children .... Confirme & Set over All that my houseing & lands at Saconet and places adjacent within the Jurisdiction of New plimouth afore said both upland & medow land Purchased & Unpurchased Divided & Undivided Exceepting one fiffty accer lott that I have Sold unto William Briggs as may appear by a Deed Under my hand with all & Singuler the Priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or any way appertaineing to all or any part of one whole Share of Land att Saconett afforesaid according to all the Divissions as they fell by lott, in all the Divided Land . both Upland and Meadow Land as may appear in the Records of the p^r^priettors of y^e^ lands at Saconett and places Adjacent Excepteing the fifty accer lott before Excepted with all my said Right & title to one whole Share of the Undivided Land Purchased & Unpurchased one whole Share Conteineing the Thirty second part of the whole Tract .... to be Equally Divided between them and if in Case any of the four Sisters Dye before mariage Then there part or Share shall belong to the Survivers or Surviver of the said four Sisters And if they all Dye before mariage Then the whole to goe Unto my sonne John Rogers theyr Naturall Brother .... Alwayes provided that the said four Sisters or their Brother John Rogers Shall not Enter upon any of the said Lands Untill they marry or be of Twenty one years of age or at the Death of me the said John Rogers, But if it should please god to Lenthen their lives, So, of any or all of them Come to the age of Twenty one years or Do marry Then it shall be Lawfull for them forthwith to Enter Upon their part or Share, and in Case I Dye it shall be Law for all or any of the Survivers to Enter forthwith without any interuption or opposistion of any person whatsoever .... Notwithstanding the p^r^mises I the said John Rogers Doe Reserve Libertie to my self to build & Dwell Upon all or any part thereof the above said Lands att Saconett Dureing my naturall Life"

The witnesses were William Pabodie and Hannah Pabodie.

"John Rogers Inhabitant Upon mount Hope Acknowledged this Instrument" 29 October, 1681, before John Alden, Assistant.

The deed was not recorded until 26 June, 1694.

[James and Ruth Bennet to John³ Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 2:14] On 18 July, 1694, "James Bennet of Roxbery in the County of Suffolke .... & Ruth his wife" for £40, current money, sold to "John Rogers of Bristoll in the County of Bristoll .... all that our part or share of a Tract or Tracts of land .... in the Town or Township of Littlecompton .... Which said lands the said John Rogers Did about ten years agoe, Make a wrighting or Deed of gift to bestow it upon his four Daughteres of which the above said Ruth is one"

The deed was dated at Bristol,* and signed by James and Ruth Bennet, the latter making a mark. The witnesses were Mary Bennet (by a mark) and Richard Smith. The deed was acknowledged by James and Ruth Bennet, on 28 September, 1696, before John Saffin, "one of his Majesties Councill & Justice of peace". It was recorded 21 October, 1696.

[Silvester and Elizabeth Richmond to John³ Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 4:84] On 29 August, 1694, "I Silvester Richmond of Little Compton .... Doe .... Discharge John Rogers of Bristoll .... of all & all mann^r of Claime whatsoever to any part of any land which might or Did to me belong Lyeing at the said Littlecompton formerly belonging to the said John Rogers hereby Acknowledgeing to have Received full sattisfaction of & for all & every part & percell thereof which might or did to me belong in Right of my now wife Elizabeth by vertue of any Deed or writting Now in the hand of william Pabodie of the said Little Compton signed sealed or Delivered by the said John Rogers about Ten Years since or any other time"

The deed was signed by Silvester Richmond and Elizabeth Richmond, and witnessed by Robert Brownell and William Willbore, the latter signing by a mark. Silvester and Elizabeth Richmond both acknowledged the deed 29 May, 1701, before Joseph Church, Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, and it was recorded 9 March, 1702/3.

[Samuel and Hannah Bradford to John³ Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 2:112] On 8 April, 1696, "I Samuel Bradford of Plimoth .... and Hannah my now wife .... do for Divers Causses .... And Cheiffly because of Certaine lotts of land (to us Given by our Hon^d Father John Rogers of Bristoll in the

* Then in Massachusetts, now in Rhode Island.

Province afforesaid) .... in Little Compton in the County of Bristoll .... as by a Deed of Gift Bearing Equal Date with these p^rsents may more fully appear, Acquitt .... & Discharge the said John Rogers .... from all manner of Claime .... of me the said Samuel Bradford and Hannah My wife .... unto a Certaine Tract of land .... in Compton afforesd by vertue of a Deed Bearing Date" 27 October, 1681.

The deed was signed by Samuel Bradford and Hannah Bradford. The witnesses were William Bradford and Mary Bradford, the latter signing by a mark. The deed was acknowledged by both Samuel and Hannah Bradford, before William Bradford, Justice of the Peace, on "18^th March", but the year and place were not recorded. The date of acknowledgment must have been 18 March, 1696/7, as the deed was recorded 18 June, 1697.

[Nathaniel and Sarah Searle to John³ Rogers]

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 1:377] On 16 April, 1696, "Nathaniel Searell of Littlecompton in the County of Bristoll .... and Sarah his wife" for £60, current money, sold to "John Rogers of Bristoll in the County aforesaid .... all that our part or Share of a Tract or Tracts of land .... in the Town or Township of Little Compton .... which said land the said John Rogers Did make a Deed of gift Beareing Date Aprill the Eighth : 1686 to bestow it on his four Daughters . of which the above said Sarah is one .... wee the above said Nathaniel Searle & Sarah his wife" both signed the deed at Bristol, Sarah making a mark. The witnesses were Peter Reynolds and Rebecca Chapman. Nathaniel and Sarah Searle acknowledged the deed, at Bristol, on 17 April, 1696, before John Brown, Justice. It was recorded 5 May, 1696.

[Estate of John⁴ Rogers]

[Plym. Co. Prob. From original document] "An Inventory of the Estate of John Rogers junior Deceased" was taken by "edward southworth" and "wrestling bruster" on 17 November, 1696. Additions were made in the hand of Samuel Sprague, then Register of Probate. The only real estate was: "In Lands & housing" £150; "one 8^th of a Saw mill", value not stated. Debts were due the estate from: Capt. William Southworth, Stephen Bryant, Jr., Samuel Wadsworth, "Cornish Negro", James Winslow. The estate was indebted to: Samuel Seabury, Samuel Allen of Bridgewater, "M^r Nath^ll Thomas of Plymouth", "M^r

Ichabod Wiswall", Wrestling Brewster, Myles Washbourne, James Latham.

On 4 December, 1696, Samuel Bradford, administrator "of John Rogers late of Duxboro deceased" made oath to the inventory, "before William Bradford Esq^r Judge &c"

The inventory was also recorded, I: 248.

[I: 249] On 4 December, 1696, at Plymouth, "Samuel Bradford of Plimouth" was appointed administrator on the estate of "John Rogers late of Duxboro Deceased Intestate"

[From original bond] On 4 December, 1696, Samuel Bradford, of. Plymouth, as administrator, with John Trasie of Duxbury as surety, gave a bond of £200. The bond was signed by "Samuell Bradford", "John Trasie" and "Wrestling bruster".

Wrestling Brewster's name does not appear except in the signature, but interlineations in the bond indicate that his name should have appeared as a surety.

The witnesses were Thomas King and John Bacon.

The bond was not recorded.

[John³ Rogers to Son-in-Law Silvester Richmond]

[Bristol Co. Deeds, 33: 190] On 29 May, 1701, "John Rogers of y^e^ town of Boston.... Merchant" for £83 "Current Silver money to me In hand Paid.... by my Son In Law Silvester Richmond of y^e^ town of Little Compton In y^e^ County of Bristol .... husbandman" sold to said Richmond "two tracts Lotts or percels of Land.... In y^e^ township of Little Compton afores^d^ y^e^ one tract.... Is y^e^ first Lott In number among y^e^ thirty acre Lotts of Land In s^d^ Little Compton y^e^ other tract.... Is y^e^ twenty first* house Lott In number among y^e^ house Lotts in s^d^ Little compton & In y^e^ second division of house Lotts & Joyning to y^e^ fors^d^ thirty acre Lott on y^e^ north side thereof y^e^ Perticuler Bounds of s^d^ Lotts may by seen Reference being had to y^e^ Records of y^e^ Lands of Little Compton afors^d^"

The witnesses were William Southworth and John Coe. The deed was acknowledged by John Rogers, on the day of its date, before "Joseph Church one of his majesties Justices of the peace for y^e^ County of Bristol"

The deed was not recorded until 20 February, 1744/5, nearly forty-four years after it was made.

* In the habendum the house lot is called the "twentyeth".

HARWICH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

(Continued from Vol. XIX, p. 119)

[p. 226] Nathan Crosby Son to Joshua Crosby and Lidea Crosby his wife was born in november the first day 1734

Ruben Crosby Son to Joshua and Lidea Crosby was born in January the first day 1735/6

Joshua Crosby Son to Joshua and Lidea Crosby was born in December the 30 day 1737

Theoda Crosby Son to Joshua and Lidea Crosby was born in December the 19 day 1739

Elijah Crosbe Sone of Joshua & Liddia Crosbe born June 7th 1742

Hanah Crosbe Daughter of Joshua & Lidia Crose his Wfe born Oct 25th 1744

Ebenezer Clark Son to Thomas Clark jur and Priscelea Clark his wife was born in december the 7 day 1725

Sarah Clark Daughter to Thomas and Priselea Clark was born in may the 10 day 1728

Thankfull Clark Daughter to Thomas and Priscelea Clark was born in December 2 day 1730

Elezebeth Clark Daughter to thomas and Priscelea Clark was Born in December the 23 day 1732

Thomas Clark Son to Thomas and Priscelea Clark was born in April the 10 day 1735

Content Clark Daughter to Thomas and Priscelea Clark was born in may the 22 day 1737

Josiah Clark Son to Thomas and Priscelea Clark was born in February the 10 day 1739/10*

[p. 227] Elezebeth Clark Daughter to Roluand and lidea Clark was born in november the 1 day 1725

Edward Clark Son to Roland and Lidea Clark was born in february the 22 day 1727/8

Lidea Clark Daughter to Roland and Lidea Clark was born in September the 2 day 1730

Susanna Clark Daughter to Roland and lidea Clark was born in november the 7 day 1732

Roland Clark Son to Roland and Lidea Clark was born in october the 28 day 1734

* Sic. Clearly an error for 1739/40.— *Editor.*

Phebe Clark daughter to Roland and Lidea clark was born in August the 31 day 1736
Rebeca Clark Daughter to Rowland & Lidia Clark was born Augst the 30th Day 1738
Isaac Clark Sone to Rowland & Lidia Clark was born April 27th 1741
Dillingham Clark Sone to Rowland & Liddia his wife born July 26th 1743
Jonathan Clark Sone of Rowland & Lidia born Oct^{r} 15 1746
John myrick Son to John myrick and Frances myrick his wife was born in may the 3 day 1731
Desire myrick Daughter to John and Frances myrick was born in february the 27 day 1732/3
Rebakah myrick Daughter to John and Frances myrick was born in December the 21 day 1735
Phebe myrick Daughter to John and Frances myrick was born in December the 15 day 1736
David myrick Son to John and Frances myrick was born in January the 11 day 1738
Isaac myrick Son to John and Frances myrick was born in march the 17 day 1740
[p. 228] hannah Wing Daughter to Samuell and marcy Wing his wife was born in february the 15 day 1733/4
Edward Winge Son to Samuell and marcy Winge was born in october the 11 day 1735
Samuell Winge Son to Samuell and marcy Winge was Born in August the 2 day 1737
Isaac Wing Son to Samuell and marcy Winge was bon in September the 4 day 1739 and is died in october next following
Isaac Winge Son to Samuell and marcy Winge was born in October the 23 day 1740
Marcy Wing Daughter to Sam^{l} Wing & Marcy born Decemb^{r} 24th A D 1742
Rebakah Sears Daughter to Joshua and Rebakah Sears his wife was born in yarmouth the 14 day of november 1732
Elknah Sears Son to Joshua and Rebakah Sears was born in April 12 day 1734
Joshua Sears Son to Joshua and Rebakah Sears was born in February the 14 day 1735/6
Betey Sears Daughter to Joshua and Rebakah Sears was born in June the 19 day 1738
Paul Sears Son to Joshua and Rebakah Sears was born october the 18 day 1740

Simeon Sears Sone to Joshua & Rebeca born Janu^{y} 14th 1742

[p. 229] William gray Son to William gray and [*] gray his wife was born in february the 13 day 1720

Rebakah gray Daughter to William gray was born in June 16th: 1723

Thankfull gray Daughter to William gray was born in January 14th: 1724/5

Sarah gray Daughter to William gray was born in December 19th: 1726

Thomas gray Son to William gray was born in november the 19th: 1728

Anna gray Daughter to William gray was born in october the 16 day 1730

mary gray Daughter to William gray was born in January the 22 day 1732

Deborah gray Daughter to William gray was born in october the 21 day 1734

february the 17 day 1736/7 Then Joseph Wing and Susanna Kenewrick both of harwich ware married in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

march the 11 day 1736/7 Then Israell Cole juner and Remember Burg both of Eastham ware married in harwich by me Joseph Doane Justice peace

Sep^{t} the 9 day 1736 Then Cap^{t} Joseph Freeman and m^{es} mary Freeman ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

Sep^{t} the 16 day 1736 Then Joseph hopkins ju^{r} and mary berey both of harwich ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

October the 19 day 1736 Then Ensigen Benjamin Ruggles of Rochester and Alce myrick of harwich ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

february the 24 day 1736/7 Then Jonathan Snow and Sarah Banges both of harwich ware married by the Reverand m^{r} Nathanaell Stone

[p. 233] January the 7 day 1736/7 then Israell Cole Ju^{r} of Eastham and Remember Burg of harwich had their intention of marriage to Each other entered here in this book

January the [†] day 1736/7 Joseph winge and Susanna Kenewrick both of harwich have an intention of marrage Concluded upon to Each other

* Space was left for the wife's name.

† Space was left for the day of the month.

February the 5 day 1736/7 Jonathan Snow and Sarah Banges both of harwich purpose marriage Each to other

April the 16 day 1737 there is an intention of marriage between James baker of yarmouth and keziah Elderedg of harwich now entered here in this place

harwich June the 11 day then m^r^ Benjamin Sears of harwich Come and entered a purpose of marriage between himself and abegail Sears of yarmouth

June the 16 day 1737 then m^r^ John king entered an intention of marriage between himself and Rachel nickerson thay being both of the town of harwich

(*To be continued*)

THE WILLS OF JOHN³ DOTEN AND HIS WIDOW

By the Editor

John³ Doten (*John*², *Edward*¹), of Plymouth and Plympton, Mass., was called "Doty" in his birth record, in the record of his first marriage, and in the record of the births of his children. In the record of his second marriage, in 1745, he was called "Doten", and that spelling is used in his will, in 1746.

He married, first, Mehitable Nelson, daughter of John Nelson, of Middleborough and Plymouth, who was the mother of his children.*

He married, second, Hannah Sherman† of Plymouth, daughter of Samuel Sherman of Marshfield, by his second wife, Hannah. The "Dotey-Doten Family", published in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1897, erroneously states that John³ Doten's second wife was the daughter of Sarah Doggett, Samuel Sherman's first wife.

John³ Doten made his will, at Plympton, 29 April, 1746, and it was probated on 14 July, 1747.

The widow Hannah (Sherman) Doten made her nuncupative will, at Plymouth, 14 April, 1754, and died the next day.

Exhaustive abstracts of both wills, and of all other records in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the two estates, are here printed, at the expense

* Mayflower Descendant, 2 : 163, 13 : 206, 19 : 190.

† Mayflower Descendant, 9 : 183, 15 : 213, 17 : 133, and her will.

of Mr. Edward L. Parker, of Concord, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of John³ Doten (*John*², *Edward*¹), through his daughter Susanna.

The proper reference, to the records, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[John³ Doten's Will]

[10:452] "John Doten of Plimton . . . . Husbandman" made his will on 29 April, 1746. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Hannah Doten all that household Goods of What kind soever that she brot to me" also "the use of my Now dwelling house & one third part of the profitts of my homestead which I am now possessed of dureing her widdowhood"

To "my Grandson Edward Doten Eldest son to my Son John Doten the improvements & profits of two third parts of my homestead, and the reversion of sd Homestead (viz) all the Lands belonging to my sd homestead, & buildings fences & fencing Stuff timber standing or lying upon it with all the priviliges & appurtenances thereunto belonging at the End of my sd wives widdowhood or at her decease" also "the Second Share in the Sixth lot in South [p. 453] South Meadow Sedar swamp"

"I appoint & will that my Abovesd Grandson do pay out such Legacies unto such of my Children as Shall be hereafter mentioned . . . . viz"

£5 "old tenour unto my daughter Mehitable Lucas the wife of William Lucas within One whole year after he shall come into the possession of the Above premisses"

To "my son Jacob Doten within . . . . One year after he Shall come to Enjoy ye above granted premisses" £1, "old tenour".

"Item That he pay unto my daughter Susanna Finney the wife of John Finney the sum of twelve pounds old tenour at the Expiration of One year and half after he comes into possession of the Above premisses"

"That he pay unto my daughter Lydia Lucas the wife of John Lucas" £10 "old tenour at the Expiration of two whole years after his possession of the above"

"my personal Estate I Give one third part to my loveing wife to be at her own dispose, and proper use . . . . The remainder I will to be Equally divided between my Sons & daughters at my decease."

"my Eldest son John Doten" was appointed executor.

The witnesses were George Barrows, Jr., Joseph Shaw and Othniel Campbell.

On 14 July, 1747, John Doten, the executor, presented the will for probate, and George Barrows, Jr., and Othniel Campbell made oath that they "together with Joseph* since deceas'd" witnessed the will.

[10 : 453½] On 14 July, 1747, administration was granted to "John Doten of s^d Plimton Exec^r"

[10 : 472] An inventory of "the Real & Personal Estate of m^r John Doten of Plimton deceas'd" was taken on 1 August, 1747, by Nathaniel Fuller, Abel Crocker and Jonathan Shaw, Jr. The real estate was: "The Real Estate by Estimation about 40 acres" £250, 1s., 8d.; "with a house & Barne on it with the fences" £280; "One Acre and a quarter of Sedar Swamp" £9; "The Real Estate of John Doten son to the s^d John Doten Dec^d by Estimation Sixty Acres of Upland" £180, and "3 Acres of Fresh meadow" £36; "The Real Estate of Jacob Doten dec^d son to the aboves^d John Doten deceasd by Estimation forty Acres with the Buildings & Fences" £212, 10s., and "2 acres of meadow Ground" £10.

Daniel Crocker and William Shurtleff owed the estate £5, 10s.

"To Sundreys which the Dec^ds widdow bro^t to him in mariage" £60, 13s.

John Doten, executor, made oath to the inventory on 3 August, 1747.

[10 : 473] An account of the executor was presented and allowed, 3 August, 1747. Payments had been made to Dr. Lazarus Lebaron, Dr. William Thomas, George Barrow, Jr., Samuel Bartlet, Esq., Constable Lucas, John Crandon, John Finney, John Lucas, Thomas Foster, "the Estate of Timothy Morton dec^d on bond", Silvanus Brimhall, Nathaniel Foster, Thomas Spooner, John Doten.

[11 : 287] On 3 August, 1747, Nathaniel Fuller, Abel Crocker and Samuel Lucas, all of Plympton, and Abraham Jackson, of Plymouth, and Jonathan Shaw, Jr., of Middleborough, were appointed to "take a View of the Estate of John Doten late of Plimton afores^d deceasd & assign & Set of to Hannah Doten his widdow her Thirds or Right of Dower therein"

On 27 December, 1747, at Plympton, Abraham Jackson (who signed by a mark), Abel Crocker and Samuel Lucas set off the thirds, as follows:

* The surname "Shaw" was omitted in recording.

"1st a Wood Lot lying on the Westerly side of the Farm begining at a white oake Sapling marked on four Sides, thence to Extend west 28 pole to a White oake marked on four sides thence north four degrees Westerly 24 poles To red oake marked on 4 sides thence East 20 poles to a red oake marked on 4 sides, then begining at the bounds first mentiond thence North 19 Degrees Easterly ten poles to red oake marked thence North 40 degrees Westerly 19 poles to a red oake marked with a privilige of a Way through Gates & Barrs, to the afores[d] Wood lot —— 2, a Right of Meadow ajoyning to the homestead Begining at a Stake Standing by the brook about two poles from the Wall, thence North 10 poles to the South Door of the dwelling house and from said Door West 3 degrees Southerly 8 poles to a Stone Standing in the ground by the roade leading Anna Snappit to Warham, thence Southerly by s[d] roade 47 poles to the brook Called Clarkes Spring brook thence by said brook upstream to the bounds first mentioned reserving a Way through Gates & Barrs by the house to the remainder of the meadow, —— 3, a part of the orchard and land adjoyning begining at a Stake Standing on the North Side of the orchard thence South East 22 degrees Easterly 27 pole to a Stakeing by the aforesaid Roade, thence by said Roade, North 5 Degrees Westerly 20 poles to a Stake & Stones thence North 27 Degrees Westerly 15 pole and half to a Stone Standing in the Ground thence West 18 Degrees Southerly 24 pole to a Stake and Stones and thence South 27 degrees Easterly 15 pole and a half to the bounds first mentioned"

On 1 April, 1748, Abraham Jackson, Abel Crocker and Samuel Lucas made oath to this assignment, before Edward Winslow of Plymouth, Justice of the Peace, and it was ratified by John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

[11 : 73] On 12 September, 1748, John Doten, executor, presented an additional account. Payments had been made to: Isaac Lothrop, Esq.; Joseph Bridgham, Esq.; Samuel Lucas, collector of taxes; Moses Shaw, collector of taxes; Widow Abigail Rider; Caleb Sherman; "Marcy Kempton Wife of Sam[ll] Kempton"; "the Estate of Tim° Morton Deceased"

[Widow Hannah Doten's Nuncupative Will]

[13:292] On 15 April, 1754, Joshua King and Rebecca Pearce made oath that, on 14 April, 1754, they "Being at the House where Joshua Sherman Dwells in Plimouth, Hannah Doten Widdow being then and there sick, and apprehending herself near her End, but was of sound mind, said in Our hearing, that

she Desired her Brothers meaning Joshua Sherman and Caleb Sherman should have what Estate she should Leave after her Death and the next Day after she Died".

Joseph King signed by a mark.

"N.B. the heirs were all notified but Did not appear Jn° Cushing"

"An Inventory of the Estate of Hannah Doten late of Plimouth Dec[d]" was taken 7 June, 1754, by John Torrey, Nathaniel Shurtleff and Silvanus Bartlett. No real estate was mentioned. The total amount was £30, 8s., 4½d.

THE WIFE OF DR. BENONI DELANO OF DUXBURY AND THE SETTLEMENT OF HIS ESTATE

By George Ernest Bowman

If even the baptismal name of the wife of Dr. Benoni Delano, of Duxbury, Mass., has been mentioned in print, it has escaped the notice of the present writer; and it is certain that very few, if any, of the descendants of the Doctor know that he married Elizabeth Drew, daughter of John and Hannah Drew of Plymouth, and that she was the mother of his children, as shown by the deed of her son-in-law, Amasa Turner, here presented.

Elizabeth Drew was born at Plymouth, 5 February, 1673, and her birth is recorded both on the Plymouth Town Records and on the Plymouth Colony Records,* but the date of her marriage has not been found.

Elizabeth (Drew) Delano died before 21 August, 1733, the date of the deed, and especial attention is directed to the error of the recorder, in entering her as "the late Wife of Doct[r] *Benjamin* Delano" instead of "the late Wife of Doct[r] *Benoni* Delano".

There was no Dr. *Benjamin* Delano in Duxbury, and the children of Dr. Delano and his wife Elizabeth, as shown by the deed, were: Rebecca the wife of Amasa Turner; Hannah, the deceased wife of Eleazer Harlow; Beriah Delano; Lemuel Delano. The settlement of the estate of Dr. Benoni Delano of Duxbury, Mass.,

* Mayflower Descendant, 1: 146, and Plymouth Colony Marriages, Births and Burials, p. 71.

in 1738, here printed, shows that he had two sons, Beriah Delano and Lemuel Delano; and two daughters, Hannah, who had married Eleazer Harlow and died before her father, and Rebecca the wife of Amasa Turner. There can be no doubt, therefore, that the name "Benoni", on the original deed, was misread by the person who recorded it.

Exhaustive abstracts are here given, of the deed from Amasa Turner, and of the settlement of the estate of Dr. Benoni Delano, the proper reference to the record, or original document, being noted with each abstract.

[Amasa Turner to Nicholas Drew and Lemuel Drew]

[Plym. Co. Deeds, 28: 67] On 21 August, 1733, "Amasa Turner of Duxborough .... Cordwainer", for £12, 10s., "and for other good Causes & Considerations", sold to "Nicholas Drew of Plymouth Shipwright & Lemuel Drew of Plymouth Mariner .... All that my Worthy Mother in Law Elizabeth Delano Deceas^{d} the late Wife of Doct^{r} Benjamin* Delano of Duxboro aforesaid or her Heirs Part of y^{e} Estate that did or might belong or appertain to y^{e} s^{d} Elizabeth or her Heirs out of y^{e} Estate of my Honour^{d} Grandfather & Grand Mother John Drew & Hannah Drew his Wife late of Plymouth afores^{d} deceased both y^{e} Real & Personal Estate lying & being in the County of Plymouth afores^{d} or elsewhere that of Right did or ought to appertain to y^{e} s^{d} Elizabeth Deceas^{d} or to her Heirs .... to them y^{e} s^{d} Nich^{o} Drew & Lemuel Drew in equal Halves .... So that neither I y^{e} s^{d} Amasa Turner nor Rebekah my Wife nor y^{e} Heirs of Hannah Harlow y^{e} late Wife of Eleazar Harlow deceas^{d} Beriah Delano nor Lemuel Delano nor any of their Heirs nor any other Person in my or their Right or Stead shall ever Challenge any Claim or Demand in or unto y^{e} Premisses. And further I the said Amasa Turner for my Self my Heirs Execut^{rs} & Admin^{rs} do Covenant .... that I and They shall & will & forever Warrant Secure & Defend y^{e} s^{d} Nicholas & Lemuel Drew & their respective Heirs and assigns forever against y^{e} Heirs of y^{e} s^{d} Elizabeth Delano Deceas^{d} aforenamed or any other Person Challenging any Claim under her y^{e} s^{d} Elizabeth Deceas^{d}"

The witnesses were Samuel Drew and John Winslow. The deed was acknowledged, by Amasa Turner only, on 21 August, 1733, and was recorded 7 September, 1733.

*This name should have been recorded "Benoni", not "Benjamin". See introductory note.

[Dr. Benoni Delano's Estate]

[Plym. Co. Prob., 7:386] On 27 April, 1738, administration was granted to "Beriah Delano and Lemuel Delano both of Duxborough" on the estate of "Your Father Doct^{r} Benoni Delano late of Duxborough afores^{d} .... lately died Intestate"

[From original bond] On 27 April, 1738, Beriah Delano, "husbandman", and Lemuel Delano, "sailor", both of Duxbury, as administrators, with John Alden, "Esq^{r}", of Duxbury, and "John Fullarton", "husbandman", of Marshfield, as sureties, gave a bond for £2000. The witnesses were "sarah winslow" and "Mary winslow". The bond was not recorded.

[7:397] On 4 May, 1738, John Alden, Joshua Soule and Samuel Weston took the inventory. Interesting items are: "Paper money" £468, 4s., 6d.; "Library & Drugs &c" £9, 19s. The real estate was: "y^{e} Homestead upland & meadow With a small swamp" £350; "2 shares of Meadow at y^{e} Skirt" £40; "a house & garden Spot at Plym^{o}" £150; "one out Lot of Land" £40; "one Share in y^{e} Beach" £1, 5s. "Sundry Goods in y^{e} hands of Thomas Murdock" were valued at £11, 12s. The total of the inventory was £1228, 14s., 2d.

The two administrators and the three appraisers made oath to the inventory, on 4 May, 1738.

[7:431] On 9 September, 1738, "Col^{o} John Alden M^{r} Pelatiah West M^{r} Samuel Weston M^{r} Joshua Soule & M^{r} Joshua Delanoe all of Duxborough" were appointed to divide "all the Estate both real & personal .... into five equal Parts or Shares so as the Same may be Settled on the Children of the s^{d} deceased and the Representatives of any of them as the Law directs"

[7:432] "at Duxborough" 12 September, 1738, the commissioners found that the total of real and personal estate remaining was £1411, 3s., 2d., which they divided into five shares "as followeth (viz.)"

"The Eldest Son Beriah Delano The Homestead £350" and "personal Estate that he had that make two Shares . 214 . 09 . 3", the double share being £564, 9s., 3d.

"To the Second Son Lemuel Delano the House & Land at Plymouth" £150, and "personal Estate 132 . 04 . 7½", the total share being £282, 4s., 7½d.

"To the Representatives of Hannah Harlow dec^{d} one Lot of Land near W^{m} Cookes" £40, and "personal Estate 242, 04 . 7½", the total share being £282, 4s., 7½d.

"To Rebekah Turner a piece of Salt Meadow on the Skirt"

£40, "one Share of the Beach" £1, 5s., and "personal Estate 240 . 19 . 7½", the total share being £282, 4s., 7½d.

The division was sworn to, by all the commissioners, the day of its date.

On 13 September, 1738, Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate, approved the division and settled the estate in accordance therewith: "To Beriah Delano of Duxborough afores[d] the Eldest Son .... Two Shares or a Double Part of s[d] Estate (viz:) The Homestead or House and Land lying in Duxborough", with the personal as divided, which "is his full Share or double part of s[d] Estate"

"To Lemuel Delano of Duxborough afores[d] One of the Sons ....The House & Land in Plymouth", with the personal as divided.

"To the Children or Representatives of Hannah Harlow deceased and the Daughter of y[e] s[d] Benoni Delano Deceas[d] (viz:) Eliphaz Harlow of Dighton in the County of Bristoll Lemuel Harlow of Plym[th] aforesaid & Eleazar Harlow of Duxborough afores[d] in equal Proportion one Lot of Land lying near William Cookes of Kingston", with the personal as divided.

"To Rebekah Turner the Wife of Amasa Turner of Duxborough afores[d] and the Daughter of y[e] s[d] Deceased one Piece of Salt Meadow at the Skirt" and "one Share at the Beach" "both lying in Duxborough", with the personal as divided. [A contemporary "copy" of this settlement is in the files, but it was not certified.]

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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[p. 53] William Cobb Son of Gershom Cobb 2[d] by Elizabeth his Wife was born nov[r] the 2[d] 1754

Elizabeth Cobb Daughter of Gershom Cobb J[r] by Elizabeth his wife was born June the 19[th] 1756

John Cobb son of Nathan Cobb by Abijah his wife was born October the 7[th] 1754

Susanna Cobb Daughter of Nathan Cobb by Abijah his wife was born October the 25[th] 1756

manasseh . Clap Son of Elijah Clap by Hope his wife was born January the 8[th] 1756

Ichabod Cushman Son of Ichabod Cushman by Patience his wife was born march 28th 1757

Andrew Cushman Son of william Cushman by Priscilla his wife was born march the 26 1757

David Tinkham Son of Gideon Tinkham by mercy his wife was born august 5th 1754

Peter Tinkham Son of Gideon Tinkham by mercy his wife was born January 20th 1758

Abial Chais Son of Deliverance Holloway was born September the Seventh 1755

Seth Cobb Son of James Cobb by Susanna his wife was born may 8 1757

Sarah Cushman Daughter of Isaac Cushman by Sarah his wife was born may 13th 1757

Eliphlite Cushman Son of Isaac Cushman by Sarah his wife was born Febr 25 : 1759

Hannah Clap Daughter of Elijah Clap by Hope his wife was born June 26 1758

Robart Cushman Son of Ichabod Cushman by Patience his wife was born April 24th 1759 1759

Asenath Cobb Daughter of James Cobb by Susanna his wife was born April 28th 1760 1760

Elias Cushman Son of Isaac Cushman by Sarah his wife was born may 14th 1761

Hannah Caswell, daughter of Elkanah Caswell & Elisabeth his wife: was born april 14th 1758 1758

[p. 54] Hannah Thomas the Daughter of Benjamin Thomas by Elisabeth his wife; was born the 13th March 1747.

Benjamin Thomas the Son of Benjamin Thomas by Elisabeth his wife was born february 25th 1749.

Perez Thomas the Son of Benjamin Thomas by Elisabeth his wife was born march the 6th 1751.

James Thomas the Son of Benjamin Thomas by Elisabeth his wife was born may the 8th 1753.

Isaac Tinkham the Son of Isaac Tinkham by Hannah his wife; was born March 16th 1754.

Isaac Tomson the Son of John Tomson by Lydia his wife was born february the 1st 1745/6.

John Tomson the Son of John Tomson by Lydia his wife was born may the 6th 1748.

Ezra Tomson the Son of John Tomson by Lydia his wife was born July the 4th 1750.

Lydia Tomson the Daughter of John Tomson by Lydia his wife was born June the 21st 1752.

Sarah Tomson the Daughter of John Tomson by Lydia his wife was born October the 6th 1754.

Betty Tinkham Daughter of Joseph Tinkham by agness his wife was bourn June the 14th 1750

Joseph Tinkham Son of Joseph Tinkham By Agness his wife was born february 12th 1753

Elisabeth Tinkham Daughter of Joseph Tinkham By Agness his wife who Departed this Life June ye 28th 1748

Eunice Tinkham Daughter of amos Tinkham By Sarah his wife was born may 20th 1753

James Tinkham Son of Jeremiah Tinkham By Naomi his wife was born may the 8 1745

Huldia Tinkham Daughter of Jeremiah Tinkham by Naomi his was born December 18th 1756

[p. 55] Abigail Tinkham Daughter of Jeremiah Tinkham by Naomi his wife was born December the 25 1746

Anna Tinkham Daughter of Jeremiah Tinkham By Naomi his wife was born October the 9 1748

Jese Tinkham Son of Jeremiah Tinkham by Naomi his wife was born July the 25 1750

Benjamin Tinkham Son of Jeremiah Tinkham by Naomi his wife was born January the 6 1755

Thankfull Thrasher Daughter of azariah Thrasher by Thankfull his wife was born february the 11th 1750

Azariah Thrasher Son of azariah Thrasher by Thankfull his wife was born June the 16th 1752

Betty Thrasher Daughter of Azariah Thrasher by Thankfull his wife was born December 12th 1754

Perez Tinkham Son of Joseph Tinkham by Agness his Wife was born June the 1st 1755

Abijah Tinkham Daughter of Isaac Tinkham By Hannah his Wife was born may the 8th 1755

Abigail Tomson Daughter of Caleb Tomson by Abigail his Wife Was born august the 18th 1755

Daniel Thomas Son of Noah Thomas by mary his Wife was born June the 16th 1743

Enoch Thomas Son of Noah Thomas by mary his Wife was born December the 7th 1753

Hannah Tinkham Daughter of Ebenezer Tinkham by Hannah his Wife was born July 26th 1747

Lydia Tinkham Daughter of Ebenezer Tinkham By Hannah his Wife was born December the 4th 1749

Lucia Tinkham Daughter of Ebenezer Tinkham by hannah his wife was born April the 22nd 1752

Ruth Tinkham Daughter of Ebenezer Tinkham by hannah his wife was born April the 17th 1755

[p. 56] Rebackah Ripley Daughter of Tilson Ripley By Rebackah his wife was born September the 11th 1753

annah Ransom Daughter of Robart Ransom by Sarah his wife was born april 7th 1736

Samuel Ransom Son of Robart Ransom by Sarah his wife was born april 10th 1738

Ebenezer Ransom Son of Robart Ransom by Sarah his wife was born april 5th 1740

John Ransom Son of Robart Ransom by Sarah his wife was born December 21st 1742

Jephthah Ripley Son of Tilson Ripley by Rebackah his wife was born april 5th 1756

Susanna Ripley Daughter of Tilson Ripley by Rebekah his Wife was born may 9th 1758

Lucy Raymond Daughter of Samuel Raymond by Dinah his Wife Was born April the 17th 1760

Lydia Ripley Daughter of Tilson Ripley by Rebekah his Wife was born may 29th 1760 1760

Josiah Rider Son of Isaac Rider by Bridget his wife was born July 14th 1760 1760

Deborah Rider the Daughter of Samuel Rider by mary his wife was born at Plimouth august ye 18 1741

Sarah Barns Rider Daughter of Isaac Rider by Bridget his wife was born December 3d 1761 1761

Sarah Rickard Daughter of Samuel Rickard by Sarah his wife was born march 29th 1747

Allis Rickard Daughter of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born September the 27 1750

Jacob Rickard Son of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was December the 23d 1751

Samuel Rickard Son of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born april 3d 1753

Chloe Rickard Daughter of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born September the 16th 1754

Mary Rickard Daughter of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born april 2d 1756

Israel Rickard Son of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born January 27th 1757

Deborah Rickard Daughter of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born September 12 1759

Hannah Rickard Daughter of Samuel Rickard by Zuruiah his wife was born September the 8 1761

[p. 57] George Thomas Son of John Thomas by mercy his Wife was born october the 22d 1752

Azubah Thomas Daughter of John Thomas by mercy his wife was born December 28th 1754

Jabez Thomas Son of Jabez Thomas by Pheby his wife (Second Son of that name) was born June the 15th 1754

Hannah Thomas Daughter of John Thomas by mercy his wife was born may the 7th 1757

Betty Tinkham Daughter of Ebenezer Tinkham by Hannah his Wife was born apriel 4th 1757

Joshua Turner son of Joseph Turner by mercy his wife was born December 13th 1757

Sarah Tinkham Daughter of amos Tinkham by Sarah his Wife was born apriel 4th 1757

Judith Thomas Daughter of Hushai Thomas by Lucy his Wife was born October 8 1757

Rowland Thomas Son of nathan Thomas by Abigail his Wife was born Janr 26th 1738

Nathan Thomas Son of nathan Thomas by Abigail his Wife was born march 30th 1740

Zillah Thomas Daughter of Nathan Thomas by Abigail his wife was born Febr 25th 1742

John Thomas Son of Nathan Thomas by Abigail his wife was born January 1st 1744

Gamaliel Thomas Son of Nathan Thomas by Abigail his wife was born august the 9th 1751

Abigail Thomas Daughter of Nathan Thomas by Abigail his wife was born november 14th 1753

Urainah Thomas Daughter of Nathan Thomas by Abigail his wife was born march 22d 1757

moses Tinkham Son of Joseph Tinkham by Agness his wife was born Janr 20th 1758 1758

Hannah Tinkham Daughter of Isaac Tinkham by Hannah his wife was born September 13th 1756

Ebenezer Tinkham Son of Jeremiah Tinkham by Naomey his wife was born august 26th 1758

(*To be continued*)

COBHAM — BROWNING — ROGERS

By George Ernest Bowman

In a note, "The Third Wife of John[3] Rogers", printed in our October, 1917, issue*, we announced the discovery, by the present writer, of the maiden name and parentage of Marah, the third wife of John[3] Rogers (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]), who had been known only as the widow Marah Browning. This discovery was made while studying the land transactions of John[3] Rogers; and an examination of the will of Marah's father confirmed the identification.

We here present the evidence which proves that Marah was the daughter of Josiah and Mary Cobham, of Salisbury, Mass., and Boston, and had married, first, Joseph Browning, a bookseller of Boston, who died in 1691.

As John and Marah Rogers do not appear to have had any children, the Cobham and Browning families have been studied only for the purpose of securing sufficient evidence to prove the parentage of Marah.

The printed vital records of Salisbury, Mass., give the births of seven children of Josiah and Mary Cobham, viz.: Mary; Josiah; Martha; Moses; Sarah; Joshua; and Marah, who was born 21 May, 1652.

On 11 February, 1687/8, "Josiah Cobham Sen[r] of Boston .... Weaver and Mary his Wife", sold to "John Strange of the same Boston Marriner and Sarah his Wife (One of the Daughters of the said Josiah and Mary Cobham)" the house occupied by the said John and Sarah Strange, also adjacent land. The consideration was five shillings, and future payments of £7, per year, to be paid to "the said Josiah and Mary Cobham during the Term of their natural Lives and the longer Liver of them". The deed was signed by Josiah and Mary Cobham, the latter making a mark, and was acknowledged, by Josiah only, on 24 June, 1689. It was not recorded until 19 November, 1711.† [Suffolk Co., Mass., Deeds, 26 : 69.]

* Volume XIX, page 192.

† James Bennet was appointed administrator on the estate of Sarah Strange' widow, on this date, as shown at the end of this article.

On 25 August, 1691, administration on the estate of Joseph Bruning, bookseller, late of Boston, deceased, was granted to Marah, "his relict widow"; and on 31 August, 1691, Marah Bruning, signing by a mark, gave bond as administratrix. [Suffolk Co., Mass., Probate Records, 8 : 159, and New Series, 3 : 202.]

On 22 March, 1692/3, John[3] Rogers and the widow Marah Browning made an antenuptial agreement, which is printed on page three of this issue, and the settlement of the estate of John[3] Rogers shows that the marriage took place.

On 19 February, 1697/8, "Josiah Cobham of Boston . . . . Weaver" made his will. The deed dated 11 February, 1687/8, to "John Strange of Boston afores[d] Mariner (Since deced) & Sarah his then Wife (one of my Daughters)" was confirmed. Other legatees were: "my Grandson Josiah Cobham"; "my Three Grandaught[rs] Mary Cobham Ruth Cobham and Rebecca Cobham"; "my Daughter Mary Mead of Roxbury"; "my Daughter Martha Ogletree of Boston"; "Elizabeth Bennet Daughter of Josiah Bennet late of Charletown deced", said Elizabeth being unmarried; "my Grand Child Sarah Strange". The grandson Josiah Cobham was made executor, and "my Son in Law John Rogers to be Overseer" of the will.

The witnesses were Thomas Hunt, John Rogers and Eliezer Moody.

The will was probated at Boston, 2 October, 1705, and, the grandson, Josiah Cobham, having declined to act as executor, "and being Since deced", administration was granted "unto John Pearce of Boston afores[d] Mariner, who married with one of the s[d] Testators Grandaughters" [Suffolk Co., Mass., Probate, 16 : 52.]

The identity of John Pearce's wife is established by the following from the settlement of the estate of Josiah Cobham of Dedham: On or before 1 May, 1701, "John Pearce of Boston . . . . Mariner, & Mary his Wife, Sister of Josias Cobham late of Dedham . . . . husbandman deceased" had been appointed administrators of the estate "of the S[d] deceased". [Suffolk Co., Mass., Probate, 14 : 334.]

On 19 November, 1711, James Bennet, of Little Compton, cordwainer, was appointed administrator on the estate of "Sarah Strange late of Boston . . . . Widow deceased . . . . (her Sister

Mary Meeds having refused to Administer)". [Suffolk Co., Mass., Probate, 17 : 343.]

On 2 June, 1712, the probate court settled the real estate of Sarah Strange, widow, on Mary Meads, "Eldest Sister to the s[d] deced", she to pay "her Sister Mary* Rogers Wife to John Rogers of Swanzey Gent[n]" and other heirs their proportionate shares of the value of the real estate. [Suffolk Co., Mass., Probate, 17 : 467.]

On 3 June, 1712, "Mary Meads of Brookline . . . . Widow Eldest Sister to Sarah Strange . . . . deced" sold the house and land of the deceased to "my Brother in Law John Rogers of Swanzey . . . . Gent[n]" for £100, "which granted premisses are . . . . described in and by a certain Indenture from the said Josiah Cobham and Mary his Wife to John Strange deced and the said Sarah his Wife dated the Eleventh day of February 1687/8." [Suffolk Co., Mass., Deeds, 26 : 178.]

BARNSTABLE, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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[p. 213] Marriages Solemnized By the Rev[d] Joseph Green
George Lewis Ju[r] & Mary Davis Octo[r] 12[th] 1760
Benjamin Lumbert & Mercy Bacon Sept 4[th] 1760.
Nath[ll] Allen & Deborah Linnell Nov[r] 6[th] 1760
David Baker & Lydia Phiney Decem[r] 25[th] 1760
John Crocker 4[th] and Thankful Hallet Jan[y] 8 . 1761
Timothy Parker & Rachel Gorham Feb[ry] 12 . 1761
John Hinckly & Thankful Lumbert Feb[r] 19 . 1761
Jabez Bearse & Hannah Bearse March 26 . 1761
Lemuel Bears & Patience Phiney April 30 1761
Samuel Baker & Martha Lothrop April 30 1761
Isaac Hinckly J[r] Town Cler, Transmitted to the County Clerk July : 20 : 1761

* This is another error, in the records, of "Mary" for "Marah". It occurs several times in records relating to this woman ; but the numerous cases in which the name is plainly given as "Marah" are conclusive evidence that "Marah" is correct.

Daniel Davis & Mehetable Sturges July 7 : 1761
Nathaniel Hinckly & Joanna Lewis Octo^{r} 13 . 1761
Jabez Wilder of Hyngham & Sarah Crocker Octo^{r} 22 1761
Timothy Hamblen & Mary Hallet Nov: 22 . 1761
Ambrose Carsley & Mercy Lewis . Dece^{r} 3 . 1761
Eleazer Scudder & Mary Lewis March 18 : 1762
Simeon Jankens & Hodiah Hinckley March 25 : 1762
Moses Shaw & Anna Phinney March 25 : 1762
John Carsley & Rebecca Page May 13 : 1762
Jonathan Lothrop & Eunice Cobb June 27 : 1762
Isaac Bacon & Alice Taylor oct^{r} 29 : 1762
Joseph Jankens & Remember Stewart Dec^{r} 9 : 1762
Nathan Jankens & Rachel Howland Dec^{r} 9 : 1762
Adino Hinckley & Mercy Otis Dec^{r} 16 : 1762
Nero Negro & Pegg Mingo Janu^{r} 27 : 1763
Micah Humfrey & Elizebath Davis april 22 . 1763
Thomas Palmer & Elizebath Thacher may 26 : 1763
James Coleman j^{r} & Anna Lumber June 28 : 1763
Transmitted to the Clerk of the Sessions Jan^{y} 1 : 1764

Marriages Solemnized By Judah Thatcher Justice of the Peace
Josiah Smith & Deliverance Howes June 29 . 1761
Isaac Ham & Elisabeth Amos Indians Mach 16 1761

[p. 214] Marriages Solemnized By Nymphas Marston Esq^{r}
Silas Lovell and Charity Fuller August 7th 1760.
Prince Lothrop and Martha Bassett Octo^{r} 23^{d} 1760
Elijah Blish and Sarah Stewart January 25th 1761
Samuel Isham & Lydia Goodspeed Febr^{y} 8 . 1761
Isaac Hinckly, Town Clerk, Transmitted to the County Clerk July 20 1761.
Nathanael Adams & Thankful Chadwick of falmouth April 9 . 1761
Shoble Hamblen & Sarah Crocker July 16 : 1761
Ruben Fish and Mary Meigs Both of sandwich Dce^{r} 3 . 1761
William Goodspeed of Barnstable & Mercy Meigs of Sandwich March 25th 1762
Mathias Smith of Barnstable & Hannah Fuller of Sandwich may 23 : 1762
Joshua Lumbert ju^{r} & Hannah Fuller Decem^{r} 23 : 1762
Transmitted to the Clerk of the Sessions January 1 : 1764

marriages By Nymphas marston Esq^{r}
Benjamin Smith & martha Bursley y^{e} 4th of Nov^{r} 1762
Josiah Goodspeed and Jemima Blossom the 30th of april 1764
Jesse Covet & Priscilla Ellis the 29th of Nov^{r} 1764
Barnabas Crocker & Ann Smith both of Barnstable march 24th 1765
Nye Jones and Deborah Crocker both of Barnstable may y^{e} 2^{d} 1765
Transmitted To y^{e} Cler of y^{e} Sessions Jan^{y} y^{e} 28th 1766 Pr Edw^{d} Bacon Town Cle^{r}

The Children of Benjamin Smith and martha His wife
their Son Joseph Smith Born August y^{e} 10th 1763
their Son Benjamin Smith Born march y^{e} 2^{d} 1765
their Son Timothy born January 15th 1767
their Daughter Susannah born July : 14th 1769
Daniel Davis & Mehitable his Second Wife their Children Born
their Son Daniel Born May 8th 1762

[p. 215] James Smith and Hannah his wife their Children
Their Son Elisha Born y^{e} 24th of Sept^{r} 1759
Daughter Elizabeth Born April y^{e} 10th 1762
their Son Ebenezer Born July y^{e} 4th 1764
their Son John born august y^{e} 20th 1766
their Daughter Jemimah born april y^{e} 5th 1769
their Son Peter Born July : 2^{d} 1771
their Daughter Rebecah born Feburary y^{e} 9th 1774
Nathaniel Jenkins and Mariah his Wife their Children Born
their Daughter Olive Born May 24th 1752
their Son Elis Born March y^{e} 2^{d} 1755
their Son Nathaniel Born oct^{r} 22 : 1758
their Son Alvin Born February 27 : 1761
their Daughter Temperance Born February y^{e} 7th 1763
a Still Born Son may 13th 1769
The Births of the Children of Thomas Dimock & Elizabeth his wife
Charles Dimock their Son Born December y^{e} 10th 1756
their Daughter Hannah born July y^{e} 21st 1758
their Son John born June 16th 1764
Benjamin Childs Rebecca his wife their Children Born
their Son Thomas Born Sep^{t} 25th 1752
their Son Isaac Born February 10th 1755
their Daughter Rebecca Born March 9th 1759

(*To be continued*)

SHAW — MORTON — PAINE — RING — SNOW

By the Editor

We here print exhaustive abstracts of two deeds, recorded in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Deeds, which prove that Jonathan Shaw, of Plymouth, was the father of Hannah Shaw, Mary Shaw and Lydia Shaw, whose marriage records are here given, and was also the father of John[3] Morton's first wife, Phebe, whose marriage record has not been found.

Hannah Shaw married, on 5 August, 1678, Thomas Paine[4] (*Mary Snow*[3], *Constance*[2] *Hopkins, Stephen*[1]), of Eastham.

Phebe Shaw married, about 1682, John[3] Morton (*John*[2], *George*[1]), of Plymouth, had two daughters, Joanna Morton and Phebe Morton, by him, and died before 4 March, 1687, the date of John[3] Morton's second marriage, to Mary Ring[3] (*Deborah*[2] *Hopkins, Stephen*[1]).

Mary Shaw married, on 11 January, 1687, Eleazer Ring[3] (*Deborah*[2] *Hopkins, Stephen*[1]), of Plymouth.

Lydia Shaw married, on 4 April, 1689, Nicholas Snow[4] (*Mark*[3], *Constance*[2] *Hopkins, Stephen*[1]), of Eastham.

The proper reference, to the records, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[Shaw, Morton, Paine, Ring, Snow, to Jonathan Shaw]

[Plym. Co. Deeds, 6 : 114] On 20 June, 1705, "George Shaw, Thomas Paine, & hannah his wife, & Nicolas Snow & lydia Snow, of Eastham . . . . & Benony Shaw, Eleazer Ring & Mary his wife, & Joanna & Phebe Morten the Daughters of Phebe Morten Deceased of the Towne of Plymth . . . . w^{ch} S^{d} George Shaw, Benony Shaw, Hannah Paine, Lydiah Snow, & Mary Ring, were the Sons & Daughters of Jonathan Shaw of Plymth abovs^{d} Deceased; and Joanna & Phebe Morten Grand Daughters of the S^{d} Jonathan Shaw, deceased" for £18, sold to "our Brother Jonathan Shaw of Lakenham in the Town Ship of Plymth abov S^{d} Yeoman . . . . all our right and Interest unto the Movable Estate of our father Jonathan Shaw deceased" also "all that the houses and land & meadow in Lakenham abov S^{d} w^{ch} was our father Jonathan Shaw deceased, S^{d} land is bounded att y^{e} foott with the meadoe our father bought of James Cole, bounded att the head with the land our father gave to Benony Shaw abovs^{d}:

and lying between a pond on y^e^ South East side and y^e^ South meadow path on y^e^ north west side . and also half the meadoe, between Jn^o^ Watsons Meadow & Springy brook, and a pine tree marked on y^e^ North west End;"

The deed was signed by: George Shaw, Thomas Paine, Hannah Paine, Nicholas Snow, Lydia Snow (by a mark), Benoni Shaw, Eleazer Ring, Mary Ring, Joanna Morton (by a mark), Phebe Morton (by a mark).

The witnesses were: Samuel Bradford, Nathaniel Clarke, Joseph Rogers, William Smith.

On 20 June, 1705, "Benony Shaw, Eleazer Ring & Mary his wife and Joanna Morten & Phebe Morten" acknowledged the deed, in Plymouth County, before James Warren, Justice of the Peace.

On 30 June, 1705, "George Shaw & Cap^t^ Thomas Payne & Hanna his wife, & Nicolas Snow & Lydiah his wife" acknowledged the deed, in Barnstable County, before Jonathan Sparrow, Justice of the Peace.

The deed was recorded 18 December, 1706.

[Shaw, Morton, Ring, Snow, to Benoni Shaw]

[Plym. Co. Deeds, 14:178] On 20 June, 1705, "We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being Heirs unto y^e^ Estate of Jonathan Shaw late of y^e^ Town of Plymouth . . . . Deceased, and being Certifyed that y^e^ s^d^ Jonathan Shaw did in his Life time give unto his Son Benoni Shaw the one Half of that four acres of meadow which was Granted by the Town of Plymouth unto the s^d^ Jonathan Shaw lying upon y^e^ Brook called y^e^ great Cove Brook [fol. 179] Brook: and also the one Half of the Ten acres of Upland which was Granted unto him by s^d^ Town, But the s^d^ Jonathan Shaw not having given unto the s^d^ Benoni Shaw any legal Conveyance thereof, Wherefore We do by these Presents . . . . Quit Claim unto y^e^ afores^d^ One Half both of y^e^ s^d^ four acres of meadow & ten acres of upland, and do . . . . Confirm & make over y^e^ Same . . . . Unto him y^e^ s^d^ Benoni Shaw"

The deed was signed by Jonathan Shaw, Eleazer Ring, Mary Ring, Joanna Morton (by a mark), Phebe Morton (by a mark), Nicholas Snow, George Shaw, Constant Shaw (by a mark), Lydia Snow (by a mark).

The witnesses were: Samuel Bradford, Nathaniel Clarke, Jonathan Paine, Moses Godfrey, Israel Doane, Mary Doane (by a mark).

On 20 June, 1705, Jonathan Shaw, "Eleazer Ring & Mary

his Wife", Joanna Morton and Phebe Morton, acknowledged the deed, in Plymouth County, before James Warren, Justice of the Peace.

On 8 December, 1714, "George Shaw & Constant his Wife & Lydia Snow Wife of Nicholas Snow all of Eastham" acknowledged the deed, in Barnstable County, before Joseph Doane, Justice of the Peace.

The deed was not recorded until 10 June, 1719.

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I GIVE and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

UNRECORDED BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEEDS

ABSTRACTS BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XIX, p. 154*)

THE abstracts printed in this issue were made, in March, 1909, from original deeds owned by Mr. Henry Arey, of Yarmouthport, Mass. None of these deeds had been recorded.

[EPHRAIM HARDING TO THOMAS AND JOSEPH AREY]

"Epheram Harding of Eastham....Yeoman", for $40.00, sold to "Thomas Arey and Joseph Arey both of Orleans.... Yeomen .... a piece of wood land Lying in Brewster.... bounded as follows on the northwesterly side by the said Thomas Arey's Land and Others on the northeasterly side by Land formerly Crisp Rogers's deceased on the Southwesterly Side by a Sunken Swamp and on the north westerly Side by Elisha Smith's Land and is all the Land in that place that Moses Smith Sold the Said Epheram Harding.... In Witness whereof, I the said Epheram Harding with my wife Lucy have hereunto set their Hands"

The deed was dated 22 February, 1814, witnessed by Simeon

Kingman and Rebecca Kingman, and acknowledged, the same day, by Ephraim Harding only, before Simeon Kingman, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Thomas Arey to Joseph Arey]

"Thomas Arey of orleans .... yarman", for $12.00, "paid by Joseph Arey of orleans .... mariner .... Quit all Clame .... for the wood land that I bought of Efram Harding of Eastham In partnership with him the said Joseph Arey as may appear by a dead given 1814 .... and I Rebeccah Arey wife of the above Said Thomas Arey do Consent to the above Quit Clame and do by these presents Quit my Right of dower in the Same"

The deed was dated 25 January, 1816, and signed by "Joseph Arey Executor to thomas arey". It was not witnessed or acknowledged, and was not recorded.

[Elisha Hopkins to Joseph Arey]

"Elisha Hopkins of orleans .... Carpenter", for $47.50, sold to "Joseph Arey of orleans .... a piece of seaderswamp Lying in orleans in Namacoik swamp Bounded as follows Beginning at the northwest Corner of said Lot Running Easterly in the widow Dorcas Higgins.s Range to the Edge of the swamp thence southwesterly By the upland to Hezekiah Rogers,s Bound thence Westerly in said Rogers.s range to uriah Rogers,s Range thence northerly in said Rogers,s range to the first Bound"

The deed was dated 9 September, 1818, and witnessed by "John Kenricks" and Phebe Nickerson. It was acknowledged, 1 June, 1819, before John Kenricks, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Doane, et al., to Joseph Arey]

"We Beriah Doane Lewis Doane Timothy Doane yeomen Williams Smith Yeoman and Abigail his wife Zoheth Taylor & Sally his wife Sparrow Horton Mariner & Betsy his wife Sears Rogers Mariner and Nancy his wife Hetta Doane Tayloress Linda Doane Tayloress and John Doane atty at Law all of orleans", for $17.00, "to us paid by Joseph Arey of Orleans .... yeoman" release and "quit-claim unto the said Joseph Arey .... all our right and title to and in all the real estate herein after described situated in Brewster beginning at the south East corner of Jonathan Mayos wood lot thence Southerly to the Kendricks land thence Westerly twenty rods thence Northerly to Jonathan Mayos wood land thence East-

erly twenty rods to the first mentioned bound containing about four acres"

The deed was dated 23 January, 1823, and signed by John Doane, for himself and as attorney for all the others. It was witnessed by "Zipporah H Eldridge" and "Polly Higgins", and was acknowledged 23 January, 1823, by John Doane, for himself and as attorney, before Simeon Kingman, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

[Fisk and Rice to Arey]

"We Rufus Fisk and William Fisk and Aaron Rice all of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex .... Traders and Copartners", for $65.00, "to us paid by Joseph Arey of Orleans .... yeoman .... quit-claim unto the said Joseph Arey .... a tract of land consisting of about one acre with the easterly half the dwelling house on the same & all other buildings on the Same bounded as follows viz . beginning at a mark in the fence about one & one quarter rods to the north of the middle of the back part of the house thence South through the middle of the house to a stake & stones about one rod south of the front of said House thence westerly to the road that leads to Joseph Arey's house thence Southerly & Easterly to other land of Joseph Arey's, thence northerly & easterly to Asa Higgins land thence westerly in Asa Higgins' range to the first mentioned bounds reserving a privilege to the westerly* half of the cellar & Kitchen stares—being the Same property that was set off to us Octo. 6 . 1825 as the property of Zenas Doane by Execution—Said property being Situate in Orleans aforesaid .... In Witness Whereof, We the said Rufus William & Aaron together with Eunice Wife of Said Rufus Jane Wife of said William Hannah G. Wife of Said Aaron in token of their relinquishment of Dower in said premises have hereunto set our Hands"

The deed was dated 24 May, 1827, and signed by Rufus Fisk, William Fisk, Aaron Rice, Eunice Fisk, Jane Fisk and Hannah G. Rice. It was witnessed by R. B. Spalding and Mehetabel A. Fisk. It was acknowledged, in Middlesex County, 24 May, 1827, by Rufus Fisk, William Fisk and Aaron Rice, before S. P. P. Fay, Justice of the Peace, but was not recorded.

* This has been marked over a little, but seems to be "westerly".

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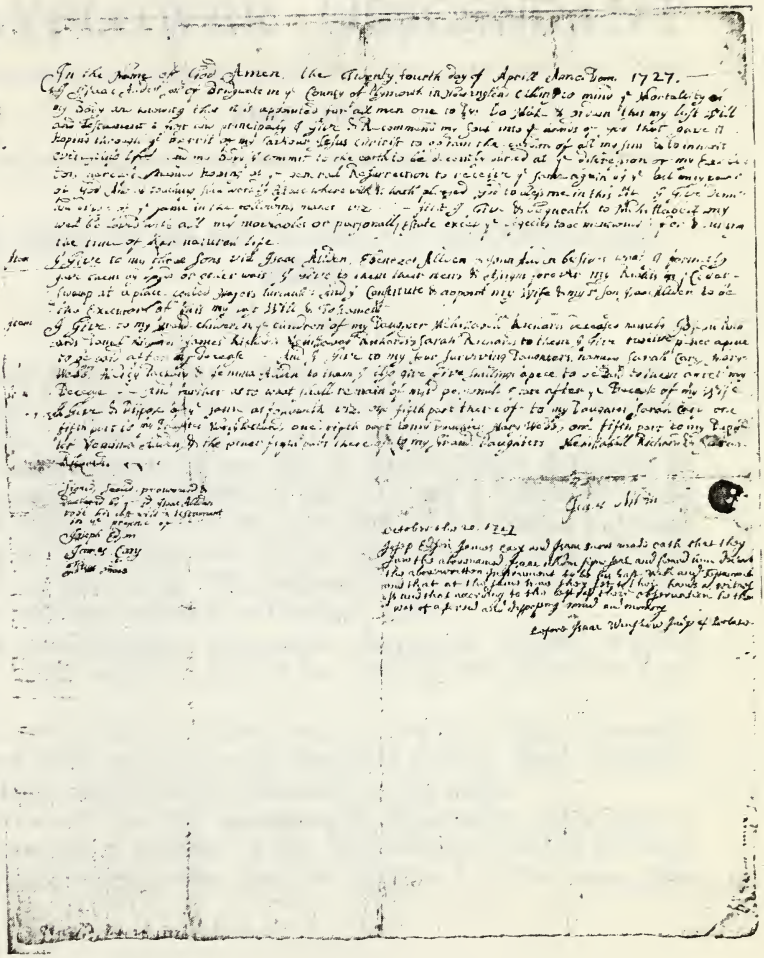

ISAAC[3] ALDEN'S WILL

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THE WILL OF ISAAC[3] ALDEN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

By the Editor

Isaac[3] Alden (*Joseph*[2], *John*[1]) of Bridgewater, Mass., married there, on 2 December, 1685, Mehitable Allen, born 20 January, 1664, daughter of Samuel Allen of that town.

The only records of the date of Isaac[3] Alden's death are an endorsement on the margin of his will, and a statement of the date, on the inventory, by the appraisers of his estate. He made his will 24 April, 1727, and died in Bridgewater, just two months later, on 24 June, 1727. His inventory was taken on 26 July, 1727, and the will was probated 20 October, 1727.

The accompanying illustration shows the original will of Isaac[3] Alden, with the date of his death in the lower left-hand corner.

We here present a literal copy of the will, with exhaustive abstracts of all records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of his estate.

This article and the accompanying illustration are printed at the expense of a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who does not wish to have his name published.

[Isaac[3] Alden's Will]

[From original will] In the Name of God Amen . the Twenty fourth day of Aprill Anno. Dom. 1727 . I Isaac Allden sen[r] of

Bridgwate in y^e^ County of Plymouth in New-england calling to mind y^e^ Mortallity of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dy : Do Make & ordain this my last Will and Testament : first and principally I Give & Recommend my Soul into y^e^ hands of God that gave it Hoping through y^e^ merrit of my Saviour Jesus Chririst to obtain the pardon of all my sins & to inherit everlasting life, and my Body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at y^e^ discression of my Executors hereafter named Hoping at y^e^ generall Resurrection to receive y^e^ same again by y^e^ all mity power of God . And as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I Give demise and dispose of y^e^ same in the following maner, viz.— first I Give & bequeath to Mehittabell my well be loved wife all my moveables or personall (Estate excep y^e^ legecies to be mentioned) for & during the time of her naturall life

Item I Give to my three sons viz. Isaac Allden, Ebenezer Allden & John Allden besides what I formerly gave them by Deeds, or other wais; I Give to them their Heirs & Assigns forever my Rights in y^e^ Cedar-Swamp• at a place called Majors Purchase: And I Constitute & appoint my Wife & my s^d^ son Isaac Allden to be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament

Item I Give to my grand-childeren (y^e^ children of my Daughter Mehittabell Richards deceased namely) Joseph Richards, Daniel Richards, James Richards Mehittabel Richards & Sarah Richards to them I Give twelve pence apiece to be paid after my decease:—And I Give to my four surviving Daughters, namely Sarah Cary, Mary Webb, Mercy Packard & Jemima Allden, to them I also give five shillings apece to be Paid to them after my Decease:—

Item And further as to what shall remain of my s^d^ personall estate after y^e^ Decease of my Wife I Give & Dispose of y^e^ same as followeth viz. one fifth part there of to my Daughter Sarah Cary, one fifth part to my Daughter Marcy Packard, one fifth part to my Daughter Mary Webb, one fifth part to my Daghter Jemima Allden, & the other fifth part there of to my Grand-Daughters Mehittabell Richards & Sarah Richards

Signed, Sealed, pronounced &
declared by y^e^ s^d^ Isaac Allden — Isaac Allden (seal)
to be his last will & testament
in y^e^ presence of
Joseph Edson
James Cary
Isaac Snow

October the 20 : 1727

Josep Edson James Cary and Isaac Snow made oath that they saw the abovenamed Isaac Allden signe seal and heard him declare the abovewritten Instrument to be his last Will and Testament and that at the same time they set to their hands as witnesess and that according to the best of their observation he then was of a sound and disposeing mind and memory

Before Isaac Winslow Judge of Probate

Deceased June 24 1727

[On the back of the will] The will was probated, at Marshfield, 30 October, 1727, and administration granted to "Mehetable Allden Relict Widdow of the s^{d} deceased and one of the Executors in the same Will named Isaac Allden son of the sd deceased and one of the Executors in the same Will named haveing declined the Executorship:" [The will and probate were also recorded, 5 : 344]

[From original inventory] "A True Inventory of all y^{e} Estate both Real & Personall that mr Isaac Alden late of Bridgwater Died seized of who Deceased June 24 . 1727 taken by Joseph Edson, James Cary and Isaac Snow" on 26 July, 1727. The real estate was: "Rights in Cedar Swamp" £10; "a Ninth part of a Ten Acre grant in y^{e} undivided land" £1, 10s.; "Lands with y^{e} Building &c. given to Ebenezer Alden by Deed" £595. The three appraisers and Mehitable Alden, the executor, made oath to the inventory, 20 October, 1727, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 5 : 345.]

PLYMOUTH COLONY VITAL RECORDS

TRANSCRIBED BY THE EDITOR

(*Continued from Vol. XIX, p. 112*)

Beirthes Marriages and burialls from the Towne of [Swansey*] Taunton

Andrew Smith Married to Mary Bundey the 5th of January 1673

Elizabeth Briggs the Daughter of Willam Briggs borne the 4th of November 1672

*Crossed out in the original, and "Taunton" added, in a later hand and different ink.

Thomas Crosman the son of Robert Crosman borne the 6th of October 1671

Sussanna Crosman the Daughter of Robert Crosman was borne the 14th of February 1672

Eliezer Fisher the son of Daniell Fisher was borne the 12th of May 1673

John Richmond the son of John Richmond was borne the 5th of December 1673

Joseph Gray the son of Joseph Gray was borne the 31th of December 1673

Hannah Leanard the son* of James Leanard Junir Borne att Braintrey the 2cond of October 1671†

[p. 61] James Leanord the son of James Leanard Junr borne att Taunton the first of february 1672

Ephraim Gray the son of Joseph Gray borne the 20th of June 1673

Deliverance Bobbitt the Daughter of Edward Bobbitt was borne the 15 of Decemb: 1673

Judith Armbey the Daughter of Thomas Armsbey borne the 8th of January 1673

Anna Tisdall the Daughter of John Tisdall Junir: borne the 27th of January 1672

Steven Casewell the son of Steven Casewell was borne the 11th of December 1673

Elizabeth Cobb the Daughter of Agustine Cobb was borne was‡ borne‡ the 10th of February 1670

Morgan Cobb the son of Agustine Cobb was borne the 29th of December 1673

Taunton the 2cond of March 1673

By mee Shadrach Wilbore;

Heer followeth the beirthes Marriages and burialls as* such as are brought in to mee

Shadrach Wilbore Clarke

Mr Gorge Shove Married to Hopestill Newman of Rehoboth the 12th of July 1664

Lydia Smith the wife of John Smith senir Died the 21 of July 1672

Mr John Poole Married to Mistris Elizabeth Brenton the 28th of March 1672

* Sic.

† The page is torn, and part of the last figure is missing; but there is not the slightest question that it is "1". A modern hand has mutilated the record by writing "1673" as if it were the year of this birth.— *Editor.*

‡ Duplicated in the original record.

Thomas Deane Married to Katheren Stevens the 5th of January 1669

Stephen Casewell Married to Hannah Thrasher the 29th of December 1672

John Smith senir married to Jaell Packer of Bridgwater the 15th of November 1672

Ester Smith the Daughter of Samuell Smith borne the sixt of January 1671

Shadrah* Wilbore the son of Shadrach Wibore* borne the 5th of December 1672

Mary Hall the Daughter of Samuell Hall borne the 3th of October 1672

Nathaniell Shove the son of Mr Gorge Shove borne the 29th of January 1668

Samuell Shove the son of Mr Gorge Shove was borne the 16th of June 1670

Sarah Shove the Daughter of mr Gorge Shove was borne the 30 of July 1671

Mary Talbutt the Daughter of Jarudd Talbutt was borne the 14th of December 1671

Samuell Fisher the son of Daniell Fisher was borne the 3d of December 1669

Sarah Richmond the Daughter of John Richmond was borne the 26 of february 1670

James Leanord the son of James Leanard was borne the first of February 1672

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[p. 63] Rebeckah Armesbey the Daughter of Thomas Armsbey was borne the 26 of May 1672

Mary Stevens the Daughter of Richard Stevens was borne the 8th of June 1672

Anna Wilbore the Daughter of Joseph Wilbore was borne the 7th of May 1672

Hannah Jones the Daughter of Thomas Jones was borne the third of October 1675

Lydia Jones The Daughter of Thomas Jones was borne the 26th of July 1659

Thomas Jones the son of Thomas Jones was borne the 4th of May 1662

Joseph Jones the son of Thomas Jones was borne the 5th of May 1664

James Paule the son of William Paule borne the 7th of Aprill 1657

* Sic.

John Paule the son of William Paule borne the 10th of July 1660
Edward Paule the son of William Paule borne the 7th of February 1664
Mary Paule the Daughter of William Paule borne the 8th of February 1667
Sarah Paule the Daughter of William Paule borne the 5th of July 1668
Thomas Dean the son of Thomas Deane was borne the first of february 1670
Thomas Dean the son of Thomas Dean Died the 26th of february 1670
Hannah Dean the Daughter of Thomas Dean was borne the 14th of february 1671
Taunton the first of March 72 or : 73
Attested pr me Shadrach Wilbore Clark

(To be continued)

REGISTER OF MINOR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NEPHEWS AND NIECES OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

(Continued from "Pilgrim Notes and Queries," Vol. V, p. 105)

MEMBERSHIP in the Society of Mayflower Descendants is limited to persons over eighteen years of age, and we have frequently been urged to devise some plan for registering younger children, both for permanent record as a part of the "Mayflower Genealogies" which we have been compiling for many years, and for the purpose of making it easier for such children to become members of the Society, when they reach the required age.

We have, therefore, established a registry of the children, under eighteen years of age, of members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Members of all State Societies may register their children on payment, strictly in advance, of a fee of one dollar for each child, to cover the expense of recording and card indexing, and of printing in this department. The names of children registered will be printed, unless we are requested not to print them.

Minor children of deceased members may be registered by any other member of the Society.

A member of any State Society of Mayflower Descendants may register a minor grandchild, or a minor nephew or niece, if the child's father or mother, through whom the Mayflower descent is claimed, died without becoming a member of the Society.

The full name, place of birth and date of birth must be given for each child to be registered, also the name of the State Society of which the parent is a member. If both parents are members, the fact should be stated.

Minor children of living parents who are eligible to membership in the Society, but have not become members, cannot be registered in this department. They may, however, be recorded, for the same fee, in our Registry of Non-Members, which will include non-members of all ages.

[Register of Minor Children]

Alfred S. Johnson, Mass. No. 616: a granddaughter, Alicia Clarke Flanders, born 1 June, 1914, in Chicago, Ill., daughter of Mrs. Paul Aiken Flanders, deceased.

Bernhard D. Forbes, Mass. No. 933: a daughter, Nancy Glover Forbes, born 8 June, 1917, at Braintree, Mass.

Mrs. George A. Healy, Mass. No. 1392: a daughter, Elizabeth Harding Healy, born 16 October, 1902, at Rochester, Mass.

Thomas J. Mathews, Mass. No. 1506: a son, Thomas Peck Mathews, born 30 November, 1902, at Merrill, Wis.; a son, John Washburn Mathews, born 25 November, 1908, at Merrill, Wis.

Mrs. John Caswell, Mass. No. 1519: a daughter, Elizabeth Robbins Caswell, born 9 August, 1901, at Beverly, Mass.

Reginald C. Robbins, Mass. No. 1520: a son, Reginald Chauncey Robbins, Jr., born 22 July, 1910, at Hamilton, Mass.

Mrs. Everett J. Beede, Mass. No. 1522: a son, Everett Bennett Beede, born 13 September, 1913, at Worcester, Mass.; a daughter, Deborah Southworth Beede, born 22 October, 1915, at Worcester, Mass.; a son, Jefts Grover Beede, born 16 February, 1918, at Worcester, Mass.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Eligibility

Applicants for membership must prove descent from one of the Mayflower Passengers named in the following list.

John Alden	Edward Doty	Henry Samson
Isaac Allerton	Francis Eaton	George Soule
John Billington	Edward Fuller	Myles Standish
William Bradford	Dr. Samuel Fuller	Richard Warren
William Brewster	Stephen Hopkins	William White
Peter Brown	John Howland	Edward Winslow
James Chilton	Degory Priest	
Francis Cooke	Thomas Rogers	

Applications for Membership

Applicants, of either sex, must be at least eighteen years of age.

Preliminary Applications may be obtained from the Secretary.

A remittance of ten dollars ($10.00), to cover the Entrance Fee and the Annual Dues for the current fiscal year, must accompany the Preliminary Application, when it is filed with the Secretary.

After the Preliminary Application has been approved by the Membership Committee, the Pedigree Blanks are sent to the applicant, to be filled out and returned to the Secretary, within six months.

After the line of descent is approved by the Historian, the application is voted upon by the Board of Assistants.

Entrance Fee—Annual Dues—Life Membership

The Entrance Fee is five dollars.

The Annual Dues of members elected after 28 March, 1912, are five dollars, payable when the application is filed, and on the first day of each succeeding March; and all such members, after they have paid their dues for the current fiscal year, receive the Society's quarterly magazine, "The Mayflower Descendant", without additional charge.

The Life Membership Fee is one hundred dollars, in addition to the Entrance Fee. Life Members receive "The Mayflower Descendant" free.

Address: George Ernest Bowman, Secretary,
53 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass.

THE MAYFLOWER PASSENGERS

THERE were only one hundred and four (104) Mayflower Passengers. Every one of them is included in the two lists following.

There were no other passengers.

[THE 49 PASSENGERS FROM WHOM DESCENT CAN BE PROVED]

John[1] Alden
Isaac[1] Allerton
wife Mary
daughter Mary[2]
daughter Remember[2]
John[1] Billington
wife Eleanor
son Francis[2]
William[1] Bradford
William[1] Brewster
wife Mary
son Love[2]
Peter[1] Brown
James[1] Chilton
wife ———
daughter Mary[2]
Francis[1] Cooke
son John[2]
Edward[1] Doty
Francis[1] Eaton
wife Sarah
son Samuel[2]
Edward[1] Fuller
wife ———
son Samuel[2]
Dr. Samuel[1] Fuller
Stephen[1] Hopkins
2d wife, Elizabeth
son Gyles[2]
(by 1st wife)
daughter Constance[2]
(by 1st wife)
John[1] Howland
William[1] Mullins
wife Alice
daughter Priscilla[2]
Degory[1] Priest
Thomas[1] Rogers
son Joseph[2]
Henry[1] Samson
George[1] Soule
Myles[1] Standish
John[1] Tilley
wife ———
daughter Elizabeth[2]
Richard[1] Warren
William[1] White
wife Susanna
son Resolved[2]
son Peregrine[2]
Edward[1] Winslow

[THE 55 PASSENGERS FROM WHOM WE CANNOT PROVE DESCENT]

Bartholomew[2] Allerton
John Allerton
John[2] Billington
Dorothy Bradford
(1st wife of William[1])
Wrestling[2] Brewster
Richard Britteridge
William Butten
Robert Carter
John Carver
Katharine Carver
(wife of John)
Maid servant of the Carvers
Richard Clarke
Humility Cooper
John[1] Crackston
son John[2]
——— Ely
Thomas English
Moses Fletcher
Richard Gardiner
John Goodman
William Holbeck
John Hooke
Damaris[2] Hopkins
Oceanus[2] Hopkins
John Langmore
William Latham
Edward Leister
Edmund Margeson
Christopher Martin
wife ———
Desire Minter
Ellen More
Jasper More
Richard More
[a boy] More
Joseph[2] Mullins
Solomon Prower
John Rigdale
wife Alice
Rose Standish
(1st wife of Myles[1])
Elias Story
Edward Thomson
Edward Tilley
wife Ann
Thomas[1] Tinker
wife ———
son ———
William Trevore
John[1] Turner
son ———
son ———
Roger Wilder
Thomas Williams
Elizabeth Winslow
(1st wife of Edward[1])
Gilbert Winslow

THE WILLS OF WILLIAM NEWCOMB AND BENJAMIN AND SARAH FESSENDEN OF SANDWICH, MASS.

By the Editor

Bathsheba Bourn[4] (*Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), daughter of Melatiah Bourn, Esq., of Sandwich, married, first, William Newcomb, of Sandwich, who died 8 April, 1736. She married, second, Timothy Ruggles, of Rochester, Mass.

Sarah, daughter of William and Bathsheba (Bourn) Newcomb, married Benjamin Fessenden of Sandwich. Benjamin Fessenden died 24 October, 1783, and his widow Sarah died 20 May, 1794.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of all records, found in the Barnstable County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estates of William Newcomb, Benjamin Fessenden and Widow Sarah Fessenden.

These abstracts have been prepared, and are printed, at the expense of Mr. Albert A. Hyde, of Wichita, Kan., a descendant of Benjamin and Sarah (Bourn) Fessenden, and a member of the Kansas Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The reference to the volume and page of the Barnstable County Probate Records is noted with each of the following abstracts. There are no original papers, relating to these estates, in the probate files.

[William Newcomb's Estate]

[5 : 270] On 15 May, 1736, Samuel Jennings, Ebenezer Wing and Nathan Nye took an inventory of the estate of "M^{r} William Nucomb late of Sandwich .... now Deceas^{d}" The total amount was £2759, 1s. "25 Sheep at Rhode Island" were valued at £30; "the homestead with the housing Barn & other Buildings on it" £800; "his Salt meadow by the mill Creek" £120; "his wood lot" £50; "a half wood lot" £20; "a Lot at Knot hollow" £10; "land at Rochester" £10.

On 20 May, 1736, "Bathshua Nucomb administratrx" and the three appraisers made oath to the inventory, at Sandwich, before Melatiah Bourn, Judge of Probate.

[5 : 269] On 20 May, 1736, "Bathshua Nucomb of Sandwich" was appointed administratrix on the estate of "William Nucomb Late of Sandwich .... Gen^{t} Deceased"

[8 : 151] "The Estate of M^{r} William Newcomb Late of Sandwich Intestate Deceased To Tim^{o} Ruggles and Bathshua his Wife as the Said Bathshua is Administ^{x} To the Said William". Payments had been made to: William Jones at Boston; Thomas Pope; Joseph Ellis; Nathan Nye; Widow Wing; Capt. Ebenezer Wing; Deacon Bourn; "M^{r} Moody Russell"; Samuel Jennings; Silvanus Gibbs; Col. Bourn; Samuel Smith; James Scollay; "Nath Fish"; "M^{r} Thomas Withrell"; "M^{r} Timothy Crocker"; "M^{r} James Townsand"; "M^{r} Eliakim Tupper"; "To the time and Expence Necessary in Compleating Adminis^{n} on said Estate and Sundry Law suits prosecuted & Lost" £80.

Payments had been received from: Samuel Gibbs; Ben Nye; Israel Tupper; Benjamin Wickett; James Ned; Robin Meffrick; Solomon Shack; Gideon Allin; Elizabeth Allin; John Handy; Lydia Gifford; "Nero"; Benjamin Sepit; Jo Suncoson; Nathaniel Fish; Amos Francis; Simon Joell; Zaccheus Burge; Cornelius Tobey; Ebenezer Howland; Isaac Green; Daniel Soncoson; Elisha Cognehew; Sam Tray; John Newman; Mal Ellis; Abner Perry; Sam Gifford; Benjamin Besse; Seth Pope; Capt. Skiff; Seth Fish; John Ellis; Nathan Tupper; Samuel Tobey; Daniel Wing; "Aaron Jams";

On 1 July, 1748, "Timothy Ruggles and Bathshua his Wife Exhibitted the foregoing and Made Oath that it Contain^{d} a True Acc^{o} of their Admin^{n} on the Estate of m^{r} William Newcomb Late of Sandwich .... deceased, which Acc^{o} is Accordingly Accepted and Allowed."

[Benjamin Fessenden's Will]

[23 : 87] "Benjamin Fessenden of Sandwich .... Gentleman" made his will on 21 April, 1783. Bequests were as follows:

To "Wife Sarah Fessenden the use and Improvement of all my Estate both Real and Personal during her continuing my widow the better to enable her to provide for herself and children, And in case she marry, I then give her my best bed and Furniture" and £13, 6s., 8d., in money.

To "my son Samuel Fessenden, my Watch after his mothers time in it expires."

To "my Grandson Stephen Fessenden, my gold shirt buttons."

To "my three sons, Samuel, William and Thomas .... in equal partnership and proportion, viz. each one third—all my Real

Estate wheresoever or whatsoever together with my Husbandry tools and Utensils—and in case either William or Thomas die before they arrive to twenty one years of age the share of such one to be equally divided between the surviving brethren."

To "my Daughters Deborah, Sarah, Rebecca, Abigail, Bathsheba & Lucy.... in equal partnership and proportion all my Personal Estate not herein before disposed of, first deducting what Deborah, Sarah and Rebecca, have received at each of their marriages—estimating what Deborah had" at £20, "what Sarah had" at £15, "and what Rebecca had" at £50, "so as to make each of them equal on the whole"

"I give to my Daughters Abigail, Bathsheba and Lucy the liberty of living in my house so long as they live unmarried."

"I.... appoint my beloved wife Sarah Fessenden and my son Samuel Fessenden, Joint Executrix & Executor"

The witnesses were: John Smith, John Dillingham, Jr., and Stephen Chipman.

On 12 November, 1783, the will "was presented for probate by Sarah Fessenden one of the Executors" and was approved on the testimony of "John Smith and John Dillingham two of the Witnesses"

[14 : 201] On 20 February, 1784, Joseph Nye, Melatiah Bourn and Stephen Chipman took the inventory. The total of the personal estate was £192, 3s., 8d. The real estate was: "House, barn & other buildings" £120; "Cleared Land & wood land" £121, 13s., 4d.

On 8 February, 1786, "Sarah Fessenden Executrix" presented the inventory, and she and the three appraisers made oath to it.

[Sarah (Newcomb) Fessenden's Will]

[27 : 282] "Sarah Fessenden of Sandwich.... Widow" made her will on 23 December, 1793. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Daughter Sarah wife of Moses Allen one Spanish milled Dollar."

To "my Daughter Rebecca, Wife of Nathan Dillingham one Spanish milled Dollar."

To "my Daughter Bathsheba, Wife of Lemuel Freeman one Spanish milled Dollar."

To "my Daughter Lucy, wife of Rev^{d} Allvin Hyde, one Spanish milled Dollar."

To "my son William one Spanish milled Dollar."

To "my son Thomas one Spanish milled Dollar."

To "my Daughter Abigail.... all the remainder of my Es-

tate" she paying debts, funeral charges, cost of settling the estate, "and the Legacies herein allready given .... Finally I constitute .... my said Daughter Abigail Fessenden sole Executrix of this my last will"

The witnesses were: Joseph Nye, Abraham Williams and William Bodfish.

[24 : 120] On 8 July, 1794, the will of "Sarah Fessenden late of Sandwich .... Widow" was presented for probate "by M^rs^ Abigail Bodfish late Abigail Fessenden the Executrix therein named" and it was approved on the testimony of Joseph Nye, Esq., and William Bodfish, two of the witnesses, and administration was granted to Abigail Bodfish.

THE WILLS OF DANIEL[3] AND CORNELIUS[4] WHITE AND WIDOW HANNAH (RANDALL) WHITE

By the Editor

Daniel[3] White (*Peregrine[2], William[1]*) of Marshfield, Mass., married, 19 August, 1674, Hannah Hunt, and had seven children recorded in Marshfield: John[4]; Joseph[4]; Thomas[4]; Cornelius[4]; Benjamin[4]; Eleazer[4]; Ebenezer[4].

Daniel[3] White was born about 1649, made his will 25 May, 1721, and died 6 May, 1724, aged 75 years, according to his gravestone at Marshfield. In his will he mentions his wife Hannah, and each of his seven sons.

Cornelius[4] White (*Daniel[3], Peregrine[2], William[1]*) was born at Marshfield, 28 March, 1682, married, at Scituate, 22 May, 1706, Hannah Randall, and died at Marshfield, 21 January, 1755. His widow, Hannah (Randall) White, died at Marshfield, 24 February, 1768, in her 90th year. Both were buried in the Marshfield Centre Cemetery.

Cornelius[4] and Hannah White had six sons and one daughter, recorded at Marshfield: Lemuel[5]; Cornelius[5]; Paul[5]; Joanna[5], married Nathaniel Phillips; Daniel[5]; Gideon[5]; Benjamin[5].

Cornelius[4] White made his will 16 April, 1754, and named in it: his wife Hannah; his brother John[4] White; his six sons; his daughter Joanna, wife of Nathaniel Phillips; his grandson Cornelius[5] White.

Widow Hannah (Randall) White made her will 10 September, 1767, and named in it: her six sons; her daughter Joanna, wife of Nathaniel Phillips; and one daughter of each of her children. The granddaughters mentioned were: Lucy[6] (White) Young, daughter of Lemuel[5] White, and wife of Ezekiel Young; Alice[6] White, daughter of Cornelius[5]; Hannah[6] White, daughter of Paul[5]; Joanna (Phillips[6]) Turner, daughter of Joanna[5] (White) Phillips, and wife of Thomas Turner; Abigail[6] White, daughter of Daniel[5]; Hannah[6] White, daughter of Gideon[5]; Hannah[6] White, daughter of Benjamin[5].

We here present exhaustive abstracts of the wills of Daniel[3] White, Cornelius[4] White and Widow Hannah (Randall) White, and of all records in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the three estates.

These abstracts have been prepared and are printed at the expense of a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mrs. Summerfield Hagerty, of New York, N. Y., who is descended from Cornelius[4] and Hannah (Randall) White, through their daughter, Joanna[5] (White) Phillips.

The proper reference, to the original document, or to the records, is stated with each abstract.

[Daniel[3] White's Will]

[From original will] "Daniel White of Marshfield .... Yeoman", "Being aged and Infirm", made his will 25 May, 1721. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Hannah White all y[e] use and profits of my whole Estate both Real and personal during y[e] whole term of her Natural life and after her decease my will is that my son John White shall have five shillings and my son Joseph White five shillings and my son Eleazer White shall have three pounds in Money or Monies worth paid to them out of my Estate by my Executor hereafter named and all y[e] Remainder of my Estate wheresoever it is or may be found which I have not formerly disposed of by deed or deeds shall be Equally divided between my five youngest sons Namely Thomas White Cornelius White Benjamin White Eleazer White and Ebenezer White"

The son Cornelius White was made sole executor.

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were: Josiah Thomas, Ebenezer Howland and Arthur Howland, Jr.

On 28 May, 1724, the three witnesses made oath to the will, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

On 8 June, 1724, the will was probated, at Marshfield, and administration granted to Cornelius White, the executor named. [The will and probate were also recorded, 4 : 447, 448.]

[From original warrant] On 28 May, 1724, "mr John Barker mr Arthur Howland Jun[r] and mr Peleg Foord all of Marshfield" were appointed to appraise the personal estate. [The warrant was also recorded, 4 : 446.]

[From original inventory] On 8 June, 1724, at Marshfield, John Barker, "Peleg Foord" and Arthur Howland, Jr., took an inventory of the personal estate. The total value was: £105, 3s., 8d. [The inventory was also recorded, 4 : 448.]

[Cornelius[4] White's Will]

[14 : 190] "Cornelius White of Marshfield" made his will 16 April, 1754. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Hannah White the sum of Sixty seven pounds lawfull money two Cows and an Horse and one bed & furniture in my House (which she shall choose) and so many of my Indooremoveables as she shall need for her own use to Comfortable keep House withall; and my apprentice boy John Poland; and also the use and Improvement During her Widowhood of all the real Estate which I hereafter in this my Will Give the fee off to my Son Daniel White."

To "my son Lemuell White .... the House and land on which he dwells with all my Land which I bought of Richard Child, and also about five Acres of Salt mead now in his Improvment which I bought of Ebenezer Curtis; and also a Wood Lott which I bought of Isaac Phillips; and a Wood Lott which I bought of John Eells, all which lands do lie in the Town of Marshfield aforesaid and are Perticuler Described in in the Severall Deeds I have of them—I further Give to my Son Lemuell two Lotts of Land Lying in Hanover .... the one Lying on the Southerly side of Benjamin Hanmer's House Containing about ten acres and the Other Lines* Northerly of John Roger's Land containing About Six acres, and I further Give him" £14 "Lawfull money"

To "my son Cornelius White .... the Orchard & Pasture Near his Dwelling which I bought of my Brother John White & William Sherman, and also the Vally Pasture so calld & also my upland and Meadow at the pine tree so calld which I bought of John Barker Esq[r] & Thomas Tracey, all which Lands Lye in Marshfield aforesaid and are Perticulerly Discribed in y[e] Severall Deeds I have of them, and I further Give him" £14 "lawfull money."

* Sic. Evidently an error for "Lies".

[p. 191] To "my Son Paull White .... the House and Land on which he now Dwells and has Improved, for Some years last past and also my pasture called the Pound Pasture; said lands do lay in Marshfield aforesaid he bringing no account against my Estate for building his House."

"Item I give and bequeath unto Joannah Phillips the wife of Nathaniel Phillips her heirs and assigns forever all my Vally Lands (so called) which I bought of Thomas Dogget Thomas Dogget Jun[r] and Ebenez[r] Dogget Lying in Marshfield aforesaid at the head or South-westerly side of the Pond pasture above mentioned, and I further Give her the sum of Sixty Seven pounds lawfull money."

To "my son Daniell White .... my House in which I now Dwell with all my Land thereto Adjoyning both upland & Meadow Land being my Homestead with all the buildings thereon; and also a peice of upland & Meadow Land which I bought of y[e] Dogget's, bounded as follows Begining with Cap[t] Abjah* White's fence that runs in the Cove Meadow (so call'd) and so runing y[e] Same point of Compass that, that fence stands to the south River to said Cap[t] Whit's meadow untill it comes to a fence that Runs a Cross the Neck, and from thence to the first mentioned fence; also my Wood Lot which I bought of Nath[l] Willimson and also my flatts, Lying in the North River, which Severall peices of Land do lay in Marshfield aforesaid, and further I do Give unto my son Daniel my ferry boat, my out doore tools & Farming utencills, and" £14 "lawfull money."

To "my Son Gideon White .... my House and Land in Plimouth on which he Now Dwells he Relinquishing any Debt or Demand which he hath or may pretend to have on me or my Estate of any Repairs or Additions which he hath made to s[d] House & also part of a Lot of land lying in Hanover .... Near Hatch's Mill so called Viz, that part of it that lyes On the lower or Easterly side of the High way that Goes thro' it"

To "my son Benjamin White the House & lands on whitch he now Dwells in Hanover aforesaid, which I bought of James Hatch & Thomas Wilks, and the Other part of my Lot near Hatch's Mill on the Westerly side of the High way that Goes thro' it and also five acres of Salt Meadow Lying in Marshifeld which I bought of Peleg Barker"

[p. 192] To "my Sons, Lemuell, Cornelius, Paull and Daniel .... my Ceader-swamp in Scituate .... which I bought of Samuel Stetson."

* This is clearly an error for "Abijah".

To "my son Gideon White" £200 "Old Tenner which he has received of me and I have no Receipt for, and I further Give him" £107 "lawfull money."

"Item, I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Joannah Phillips the further Sum of Thirty three pounds lawfull money."

To "my Grandson Cornelius White the Silver Hilted Sword, if he lives to be twenty one years of age, but if he shall die before he arrives to that age I give it to my son Cornelius and his Heirs."

"Whereas it will be Necessary for some of my Children to pass thro' each Others land which I have Given them in this my Will (for their Conveniency) .... they shall have Liberty to pass and repass thro' each Others land as they shall have Occasion where it shall be Lest Prejudicall (any thing in the above-Writen to the Contrary Notwithstanding)"

"It is my .... Will That the Severall Legacies .... be paid of in my Personall & Moveable Estate within one year after my decease."

"it is my .... Will that all the rest of my Estate", after debts, funeral expenses and legacies are paid, "be equally divided among my Children and their Legall Representatives, excepting two fifths of a forty acre lot lying in Marshfield afores[d] which I own in Partnership with my son Paull, which I do hereby Give unto my s[d] Son Paull"

"I do .... appoint my son Daniel White Sole Executor of this my Last Will"

The will was witnessed by Thomas Clap, Ezekiel Young and John Thompson.

On 23 March, 1756, "This Will being presented by the Executor therein Named for probate, The s[d] Thomas Clap Esq[r] Ezekiell Young & John Thompson" made oath to it, and it was probated, and administration was granted to "his Son Daniel White of said Marshfield Inholder, Sole Executor"

[14 : 402] On 29 March, 1756, at Marshfield, Ensign Otis, Thomas Waterman and Nehemiah Thomas took an inventory of "all the estate both real & personall" of "Cornelius White Late of Marshfield Gentleman". A "fishing Boate fish, Saddle &c" were valued at £23, 15s., 9d.; "ferry boat out doore tools &c" £16, 8s. "To the Whole of the real Estate" £2709, 6s., 8d. The total amount of the inventory was £3175, 6s., 6d.

"Daniel White Exec[r] to the Will" made oath to the inventory, on 30 March, 1756.

[Widow Hannah (Randall) White's Will]

[20 : 51] "Hannah White of Marshfield .... widdow, & relict of Cornelius White Late of Marshfield deced, spinster, being now aged" made her will 10 September, 1767. Bequests were as follows:

To "my son Lemuel White" £21, 6s., 8d., "& a bed, & bedstead, under-bed, & a coverlet, & cord, which bed is now at said Lemuel,s dwelling house"

To "my son Cornelius White," £14, 18s., 8d.

To "my son Paul White" £14, 13s., 4d.

"Item . I give to my daughter Joanna Phillips wife of Nathaniel Phillips, fourteen pounds, thirteen shillings & four pence Law: money, and all my wearing apparel, and to her heirs & assigns."

To "my son Daniel White," £1, 6s., 8d., "together with one years rent of my farm, which I have already given him, which was" £13, 6s., 8d.

To "my son Gideon White" £14, 13s., 4d.

To "my son Benjamin White" £16, 13s., 4d.

To "my grand-daughter Lucy young, wife of Ezekiel Young," £1, 1s., 4d.

To "my grand-daughter Alice White daughter of my son Cornelius White, one bed, bolster, & one pillow, with a striped boughten tick, and a red & white coverlet, bed-cord, under-bed & curtain rods"

To "my grand-daughter Hannah White, daughter of my son Paul White," £1, 1s., 4d.

To "my grand-daughter Joanna Turner wife of Thos Turner Jr my gold necklace & locket,"

To "my grand-daughter Abigail White daughter of my son Daniel White," £1, 1s., 4d.

[p. 52] To "my grand-daughter Hannah White daughter of my son Gideon White" £1, 6s., 8d.

To "my grand-daughter Hannah White daughter of my son Benja White my brass kettle, & four shillings"

"Whatsoever may be found of my estate after my decease whether in money, goods, or any estate whatsoever .... after my just debts, funeral charges, set'ling my estate, & grave stones are set up on my grave, which I order my executors to see all done, I give what remains to all my children in equal shares"

"two of my sons namely Lemuel White & Cornelius White, & Nathaniel Phillips my son in Law" were appointed executors.

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Adam Hall, Jeremiah Phillips and Elisha Phillips.

[20 : 52] The will was presented for probate by Nathaniel Phillips, one of the executors, and allowed, on 2 March, 1768, on the oaths of Elisha Phillips and Adam Hall, two of the witnesses, and administration was granted to the executors named in the will.

[20 : 53] An inventory "of the estate of which M[rs] Hannah White late of Marshfield widdow deced, died seized" was taken on 3 March, 1768, by Elisha Phillips, Ephraim Little and Abner Wright. No real estate was mentioned. The total amount of the inventory was £213, 11s., 2d. "The excors to the deced,s will" made oath to the inventory on 4 March, 1768.

THE WILL OF JOSHUA[4] HOPKINS

By the Editor

Joshua[4] Hopkins (*Joshua[3], Gyles[2], Stephen[1]*), of Eastham, Mass., was born in that town, 20 February, 1697/8, and died there in 1780. He married, in Eastham, 1 October, 1724, Priscilla Curtis, who died there, in 1772. They had only three children recorded at Eastham: Joshua[5] Hopkins, born 18 July, 1725; Priscilla[5] Hopkins, born 7 June, 1728, died, unmarried, in 1818; Hannah[5] Hopkins, born 30 July, 1729, died before her father's will was made.

The son, Joshua[5] Hopkins, married at Eastham, 14 May, 1747, Rebecca Sparrow[6] (*Richard[5-4], Hannah Prence[3], Patience[2] Brewster, William[1]*), of that town, and had ten children recorded there. He died at Eastham, in 1775, and left no property, as far as the probate records show.

Joshua[4] Hopkins made his will on 15 November, 1775, and it was probated, 11 April, 1780. In the will he named his daughter, Priscilla[5] Hopkins; his daughter-in-law, Rebecca Hopkins, widow of his son Joshua[5] Hopkins; and his ten grandchildren, the five sons and five daughters of Joshua[5] and Rebecca Hopkins.

The five grandsons were named three times in the will, and each time in the order of their births.

The five granddaughters were named in the will, as recorded by the Register of Probate, as follows: "Lydia Higgens Rebekah Hopkins Mary Kinney Mary Hopkins & Abigail Hopkins"; but it is evident that either "Mary" Kinney or "Mary" Hopkins is an error.

The five daughters of Joshua[5] and Rebecca Hopkins, as recorded at Eastham, were: Lydia[6], born 7 February, 1747/8; Rebecca[6], born 9 November, 1749; Mary[6], born 25 June, 1751; Mercy[6], born 13 November, 1761; Abigail[6], born 19 December, 1764.

On the Eastham records we find the marriage of Jesse Kinney and Mary Hopkins, 2 November, 1769, and the births of their nine children; and in each birth record the name of the mother is entered as "Mary" Kinney. Furthermore, the daughter Mercy[6] Hopkins, born in 1761, was only eight years old when Mary[6] Hopkins married, and was but fourteen years old at the date of her grandfather's will. It is certain therefore that the Register of Probate made an error in recording the will, and should have entered the name of the fourth daughter as "Mercy Hopkins" or "Marcy Hopkins", instead of "Mary" Hopkins.

We here give exhaustive abstracts of the will of Joshua[4] Hopkins and of all other records relating to the settlement of his estate, found on the records of the Barnstable County, Mass., Registry of Probate. There are no original papers in the files, relating to this estate.

These abstracts have been prepared at the expense of Mr. William J. Wilcox, of Boston, Mass., a descendant of Joshua[4] Hopkins, through his grandson Elkanah[6] Hopkins, and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The reference to the probate records is given with each of the following abstracts.

[Will of Joshua[4] Hopkins]

[11 : 54] On 15 November, 1775, "Joshua Hopkins of Eastham .... yeoman" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

"First My will is that ten acres of the Southerly End of my Wood land at the half way hill be sold .... To pay my Just Debts & funeral Charges."

To "my Daughter in Law Rebekah Hopkins Widow of my Deceased Son Joshua Hopkins the Improvement of two thirds of all my Real Estate So Long as she Remains my said Sons Widow She allowing my Negro woman a priveledge in my Dwelling House as hereafter Exprest."

To "my Daughter Pricilla Hopkins the Improvement of one third Part of my Real Estate Dureing Her Natural Life She allow[g] my Negro woman a Priveledge of liveing in my dwelling House as hereafter Exprest."

To "Negro Woman Bess her time with a Priveledge of liveing in my dwelling Dureing Her single Life."

To "my five Grandsons Namely Joshua Hopkins John Hopkins Elkanah Hopkins Elisha Hopkins and Curtis Hopkins .... all my Real Estate next after my Daughters Shall Cease to Improve it as aboves[d] they maintaining my Negro woman Bess when she is not able to maintain her self."

To "my five Grandsons Joshua Hopkins John Hopkins Elkanah Hopkins Elisha Hopkins & Curtis Hopkins my wairing apparel my Schow-Cart and all my farming Tackling"

To "my daughter Prisclla Hopkins one third part of my Personal Estate not yet Disposed of in this my Will"

To "my five Granddaughters Namely Lydia Higgens Rebekah Hopkins Mary Kinney Mary* Hopkins & Abigail Hopkins .... the remaining two third of my Personal Estate."

To "my five grandsons Joshua Hopkins John Hopkins Elkanah Hopkins Elisha Hopkins & Curtis Hopkins my Pew in the south meeting House they allowing my Daughter in Law Rebekah Hopkins & my Daughter Priclla Hopkins a Priveledge of setting therein as Long as they Improve my Real Estate as within Exprest"

"I Do Constitute & make my Grand Son Joshua Hopkins of Eastham my .... Executor"

The witnesses were: Philip Young, Ephraim Snow and Isaac Sparrow.

At a probate court held 11 April, 1780, the will was presented by the executor, and was proved on the testimony of Ephraim Snow and Isaac Sparrow, two of the witnesses.

[11:35] On 11 April, 1780, Isaac Sparrow, Joseph Cole and Edmund Snow, all of Barnstable County†, were appointed to take an inventory of the real and personal estate of "Joshua Hopkins late of Eastham"

[11:36] On 12 April, 1780, the three appraisers took the inventory: "the Buildings" were valued at £1948; "the Clear'd Land" £10990; "the Pew in the meeting House" £320; "the Land willed to be Sold" £960; "the Wood land" £4487; "the meadow" £2740.

On 14 April, 1780, the inventory was presented by Joshua Hopkins, the executor, and having been sworn to by him, and by the appraisers, was approved.

* An error of the record. It should have been recorded "Mercy". See introductory note.

† The town was not stated.

PLYMOUTH, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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[p. 37] The Chilldren of Isaac Atwood . & Lydia his wife
3 Thomas Atwood . borne Dec^{r} 22nd 1744
4 Isaac Atwood . borne July . 17th 1747
5 Waite . Atwood . borne Dec^{r} 17th 1749
6 Zacheus Atwood . borne Jan^{ry} 10th 1752 Old Stile
7 Lydia Atwood borne Jan^{ry} 11th 1754
8 Hannah Atwood . borne Sep^{t} 9th 1756
Two Chilldren belong^{g} to the Above family not Ent^{d} in their places in Course
Viz 1 Isaac Atwood borne . July 1741 Deceas^{d} Augst 1741
2 Lydia Atwood borne June 1743. Deceas^{d} July 1743
The Children of John Patee, and Margaret Patee his Wife
1. Ann Patee Born . April 3 . 1758.
2 John Patee . Born July 21 . 1759.
3 Levi Patee . Born July 27th 1761
4 Ephraim Patee Born [April 2^{d} 1763*]
5 Silvenus Patee Born Augs^{t} 4th 1765
6 Hannah Paty . Born
7. Margaret Paty . Born
8. Thomas Paty . Born
The Child of William Rider Jun^{r}, & Betty Rider his Wife.
Hallet Rider Born, Augst 17 . 1760.
Child of Joshua Pratt & Mary Ann his Wife, viz
Mary Ann Goodwin Pratt . born August 26 . 1838.
[p. 38] The Children of Jobb Cobb, And Patience Cobb, his Wife
1. Lydia Cobb . Born, June 30th 1744. Deceased, Augst 26th 1745.
3. Cornelius Cobb, Born June 30 . 1747.
2. Jobb Cobb, Born Oct^{r} 17 . 1745.
4. Rowland Cobb . Born Augst 20 . 1748. Deceased Augst 28th 1748.
5. Lydia Cobb Born . Nov^{r} 22 . 1750. Deceased August 20 . 1753.
6. Nehemiah Cobb Born August 23 . 1752. Deceased Sep^{t} 8th : 1753
7. Nehemiah Cobb, Born July 28 . 1754.
8. David Cobb . Born Augst 1 . 1756.

* An attempt has been made to erase this date.

9 Patience Cobb, Born June 19th 1759.

The Children of Mr Nathll Goodwin, & Lydia Goodwin his Wife

1. Nathll Goodwin, Born May 21 . 1748 . O. S. 5 Clock P.M. Saturday . died Mar: 8 . 1819.
2. Lydia Goodwin Born, May 10 . 1750 . O. S. 9 Clock . A.M. Thursday
3. John Goodwin Born, Octr 18 . 1751 . O. S. 10 Clock P.M. Fryday.
4. Lazarus Goodwin, Born March 22 . 1753 New Stile, 9 Clock P.M. Thirsday Decased June 27th 1795 . 10, oClock P.M.
5. William Goodwin Born, Janry 10 . 1756 N. S. 8 Clock P.M. Saturday
6. Thomas Goodwin, Born, Augst 31 . 1757 N. S. 4 Clock, AM. Wednesday
7. Mercy Goodwin, Born, March 22 . 1759 . 4 Clock . A.M. Thursday
8. Roby Goodwin Born, July 21 . 1761 10 Clock A.M. Tuesday Deceasd Decr 5th 1761 Saturday 1 Clock PM
9. Francis Lebaron Goodwin Born Sept 29th 1762 N S. Wednesday 3 Clock PM
10. Anna Goodwin Born August 11th 1765 N S. Sunday 9 Clock PM Deceasd July 14th 1766
11. George Goodwin born Janry 13th 1767

The Children of William Straffin & Sophia his wife

1. William Turner, born Novr 1824*
2. Sophia Bartlett, born Septr 1st . 1826.*

[p. 39] The Child of John Mackeel & Susanah Mackeel his wiffe

1 Abigail Mackeel Born August ye 28th 1757.

The Children of Samll Bryant, & Eleonar Bryant, his Wife

1. Sarah Bryant Born, Decr 23rd 1758.
2. Samuel Bryant Born, April 14th†
3. Lydia . Bryant . Born

Children of Wm M. Jackson & Sylvina his Wife

1. Sylvina Augusta Jackson, born December 8 . 1828
2. William Spenser Jackson, born, January 15 . 1830. decsd Sept 27 . 1833.
3. Morton Spenser Jackson, born March‡ 25th 1836. deceased Octr 29 . 1836

* These children have been crossed out. They were entered again on original page 242.

† The year was not recorded.

‡ "April" was first written, but was crossed out, and "March" written below the line.

The Child of Jeremiah Howes, & Hannah Howes, his Wife
Meriah Howes Born Jan^{ry} 30th 1762.
The Child of Benjamin C. Finney & Elizabeth his Wife
1. Elizabeth Atwood, born May 2 . 1835.
[p. 40] The Children of James Polden, & Elizabeth Polden, his Wife
1 William Polden Born Dec^{r} 18 . 1761.
2 James Polden Born Augst 20th 1764.
3 Elizabeth Polden Born Augst 4th 1766
4 Hannah Polden Born Jan^{ry} 17th 1770.
The Children of Cap^{t} John Burgess & Susan his wife
1. Susan Burgess, born, Nov^{r} 28, 1808
2 Anna born, Sep^{t} 30, 1810.
3. Catharine born Dec^{r} 11, 1815
4. Mary Ann born Aug^{t} 23, 1817.
5. John born Dec^{r} 10, 1819;
And of Sophia his Wife.
1. Albert Thomas, born Sept^{r} 3d 1825
2. Sophia, born July 1st . 1828.
The Chidren of Ebenezer Samson, And Hannah Samson His Wife
10 Continued from the first Book Page 183.*
11 Caleb Samson Born May . 3rd 1762
12. Ebenezer Samson Born April 1 . 1764
The Children of Asa Kendrick & Charlotte his wife
1. Reuben born March 12 . 1838.
The Children of James Burgess & Betsey Otis, his Wife.
1. Elizabeth James, born April 23d . 1838.
[p. 41] The Children . of Jacob Johnson Jun^{r} & Hannah Johnson his Wife
1. Joseph Johnson Born Oct^{r} 21 . 1760.
2. Thomas Johnson, Born . Sep^{t} 9 . 1762
3 Abigail Johnson Born Mar: 22nd 1764
4 Mason Johnson Born Feb^{ry} 11th 1766
5 Jacob Johnson Born Jan^{ry} 8th 1768
The Children of Isaac Barnes Jr . & Betsey Thomas his Wife
1. Isaac, born, May 19, 1820
2. Thomas Davie, Feb^{y} 27, 1822.
3. Samuel Davis, July 8, 1829.
The Children of Isaac Barnes Jr & Lucy C. his Wife.
1. George Winslow, born Sept^{r} 19 . 1832.

* See Mayflower Descendant, Vol. XV, pages 159, 160, for the first ten children.

2. James Franklin, born Oct^{r}. 18, 1834.
3. Betsey Davie, born Feb^{y}, 8, 1836.
4. Mary Frances, born Mar: 3, 1839.

The Children of Cornelius Morrey . & Sarah Morey His Wife
1 Mercy Morrey Born June 10th 1754
2 Sarah Morrey Born May . 25 . 1756
3 Elijah Morrey Born June . 1 . 1759
4 Cornelius Morrey Born May . 25 . 1761
5 Josiah Morrey . Born May . 23 . 1763
6 Silvanus Morrey . Born July 27 . 1767

The Children of Isaac M. Sherman & Hope his Wife
1. Betsey D. Sherman, born August 27 . 1814.
2. Isaac M. born July 25, 1816.
3. Winslow B born Dec^{r} 31, 1818.
4. Mary D born June 25, 1821.
5. Hannah born Oct^{r} 9, 1823
6. Abby L. born Jan^{y} 12 . 1826.
7. Leander Lovell born Nov^{r} 12 . 1829.

The Child of Isaac M. Sherman & Sally his Wife.
George Sherman, born March 13, 1834.

(*To be continued*)

THE WILL OF CAPT. JOHN HAWES OF YARMOUTH, MASS.

By the Editor

John[2] Hawes (*Edmund*[1]), of Yarmouth, Mass., married Desire Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and had eleven children* recorded in that town. These children were: Elizabeth, married Thomas Daggett; Mary, married John Bacon; Edmund; John; Joseph; Jabez; Ebenezer; Isaac; Desire, married Josiah Hatch[3] (*Mary*[2] *Doty, Edward*[1]) and John Cowing; Benjamin; Experience, married Ebenezer Sprout[3] (*Elizabeth*[2] *Samson, Henry*[1]) and Francis Miller.

All of these children were mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Edmund[1] Hawes, printed in our nineteenth volume;

* Mayflower Descendant, 2 : 207.

and all but Edmund and Jabez were named in the will of their father, Capt. John Hawes, here presented.

Desire (Gorham) Hawes died 30 June, 1700, and Capt. John Hawes died 11 November, 1701, according to the Yarmouth town records.

Capt. John Hawes made his will 15 October, 1701, and it was proved 19 November, 1701. The inventory was made 25 November, 1701. There are no original papers, relating to this estate, in the probate files. We here print an exhaustive abstract of the will and inventory, from the Barnstable County, Mass., Probate Records.

This article has been prepared, and is printed, at the expense of Mr. Joseph H. Goodspeed of Boston, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Capt. John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes, through their daughter Mary Hawes, who married John Bacon.

[Will of Capt. John Hawes]

[2 : 134] On 15 October, 1701, "John Hawes of the Town of Yarmouth" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my son Isaac all my dwelling house and barn together with one acre of land where & upon which the s^{d} houseing stand and so to be sett forth as may be most Convenient thereto .... Excepting and Reserving to my two unmarried daughters Desire and Experience lyberty to dwell in the eastmost end of my dwelling house and to have the benifitt of the Chimny for fireing So much as is needfull for them and to enjoy it so long as they have need att the discression of my overseers hereafter named and it is my Will that my s^{d} son Isaac do peaceably allow them to enjoy the same"

To "my son Ebenezer eight acres of my land att the west side next to John Halletts foure acres thereof to be laid forth below the high way and it shall extend from the fence next the high way north to the creek y^{t} bounds my meadow next to Major Thachers and the other foure acres he shall have laid out to him of my land above the s^{d} high waye and that shall Run from the fence next the s^{d} waye to y^{e} head of my land and also that peice of creek thatch land of myn lying on the north side of the lone tree creek and he shall and may drye and make the fother* he Cutts off the same upon the drying ground on the knowls so that he use or make use of but one third part thereof"

* Fodder.

To "my two sons Joseph and Isaac all the Rest of my land and meadow to be equally divided betwixt them that is to Say Joseph shall have one halfe of my land and meadow Except what is disposed as aboves^{d} .... and Isaac shall have the other halfe of my land and meadow except as afores^{d}"

To "my daughter Desire my second best bed bolster and all other furniture thereto belonging"

To "my Daughter Experience one good Cow"

"I give to my son Joseph my long gun or fowling peice and my other two guns I give one to my son Ebenezer and the other to my son Isaac and my gold Ring I do give to my s^{d} son Joseph and my Cane"

To "my daughter Mary Bacon my small gold Ring"

To "my two sons John and Benjamin and my foure daughters Elizabeth Dogget and Mary Bacon Desire and Experience all the Rest of my moveable estate all my Debts & funerall Charges being first paid out of it .... to be equally divided to each one of them .... also all such debts as are due and owing to me from any pson whatsoever shall also be divided as aboves^{d}"

"I do .... appoint my two sons Joseph & Isaac Joynt executors of this my last Will .... I also Request my loving brothers Major John Goreham and John Thacher Esq^{r} to be overseers to see the true execution of this my will"

The witnesses were John Thacher, Peter Thacher and Josiah Thacher.

On 19 November, 1701, before Barnabas Lothrop, Judge of Probate, "John Thacher Esq^{r} Peter Thacher and Josiah Thacher", the three witnesses, "made oath that they did see Cap^{t} John Hawes who is now deceased signe & seale this Instrument and heard him declare it to be his last Will"

On 25 November, 1701, "John Thacher Esq^{r} and Josiah Thacher" took an inventory of the estate of "Cap^{t} John Hawes Deceased". "his wives apparrell" was valued at £9, 15s., 6d.; "2 negro girls" £41; "Indian boy" £5; "Housing Lands and meadows" £300. The total amount of the inventory was £629, 17s., 10d. The estate was indebted £46, 13s., 11d.

On 6 January, 1701/2, before Barnabas Lothrop, Judge of Probate, "Joseph Hawes and Isaac Hawes made oath that this was a true Inventory of all the estate of Cap^{t} John Hawes their Deceased father"

CAPT. SAMUEL[3] ALDEN'S WILL

By the Editor

Capt. Samuel[3] Alden (*David*[2], *John*[1]) of Duxbury, Mass., was born in December, 1688. He died 24 February, 1781, aged ninety-two years, two months and three days, according to the record on his gravestone at South Duxbury. He married at Duxbury, on 26 February, 1727/8, Sarah Sprague of that town, who died 28 March, 1773, in her seventy-second year, according to her gravestone.

Samuel[3] and Sarah Alden had eight children: Rebecca[4], Sarah[4], John[4], Alice[4], Samuel[4], Ichabod[4], Alathea[4] and Abigail[4]. All of these children, except John[4], are mentioned in their father's will; but two of them, Alice[4] and Ichabod[4], had died, leaving children, before the will was made.

Exhaustive abstracts of Capt. Samuel[3] Alden's will and all other probate records relating to the settlement of his estate, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, are here presented, at the expense of two members of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who do not wish their names published. They are descendants of Capt. Samuel[3] and Sarah (Sprague) Alden.

[Capt. Samuel[3] Alden's Will]

[From original will] On 10 November, 1779, "Samuel Alden of Duxborough .... Gentleman:" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

"my Will is That All my Just Debts and Funeral Charges and Rates or Taxations Be Defrayed and Payed Out of my live Stock"

To "my Daughter Rebeckah Frazier The wife of Thomas Frazier" $50.00, "Lawful money .... Together with what She has Already Received"

To "my Two Daughters That is Sarah Bradford The wife of Gamaliel Bradford And Alethea Loring The wife of William Loring" $40.00, "a Peice .... Together with what They have Already Receivd"

To "my Grandchildren The Children of my Daughter Alice Seabury Deceas:d" $40.00, "Lawful money .... Together with

what Their mother Alice Seabury in her life Time Receiv:d .... To be Equaly Alike Divided Between Them All"

To "my Daughter Abagail Winter" $40.00, "in Lawful money who is The wife of y[e] Rev:d mr Francis Winter Together with what She has Already Receiv:d"

To "my two GrandChildren John Alden And Rebeckah Partridge Alden The Children of my Son Ichabod Alden Deceased A Part of my homestead Farm whereon I now Dwell and and is Thus Bounded: viz: Beginning at A Stake and Stones on The Southeastearly Side of my Farm in The line of Thomas Hunt Thence South Eighty Two Degrees west on A Straight line To The Southeasterly Corner of my Damb Thence by The Southwesterly Side of The Damb To The Southwest Corner of sd Damb Thence South about Fifty Three Degrees west To a Stake and Stones Standing in The line of Perez Chanler by a litle white Oak Tree marked And All The upLand That I have Lying on The Southwesterly Side of This afore line with all The Fenceing and Orchard Thereon Together With Two Acres of my Cedar Swamp Lying Adjoining To my Said Farm and my Said Two Acres of Cedar Swamp is to be Set off to my Two Said Grand Children next Adjoining to The Pond and So to The upland on The Southwesterly Side of S[d] Swamp And Also The one half Part of my Great lot or Peice of Salt meadow Commonly Caled Carsewel meadow And Likewise one Share of Salt marsh That I have That Lyeth upon Comon Island Together with one half my Dwell[ing] house That is The Old Part of it with The Privilede of what They want in The Celler and Well with one Third Part of The Barn one Third Part of The Corn hou[se] That is The Southerly Part of Each of Said Barn and Cornhouse with a Conveniey of a way to and About The house as is Needful .... But my Will is That if in Case That my Two Said Grand Children Should Dye without Isue That Then All what I have above Given To my Two Said Grand Children John Alden and Rebeckah Partridge Alden Shall Go to .... my son Said Samuel Alden"

To "my Son Samuel Alden All The Residue and Remainder of my Real and Personal Estate .... That is not Before Given Away and my will is That when y[e] Said heirs Come to Divide The Old Part of The Dwelling house That my Sd Son Samule Alden Shall have his First Choice in Said Division of The house All Excepting one old Red Pot Belyed Cow which I Do Reserve to my self"

"Son Samuel Alden" was appointed sole executor.

"Note That Before The Signing sealing and Delivery of These Present will my will is That what I have above Given To my Two Grand Children John Alden And Rebeckah Partridge Alden my Said Grandson John Alden is To have Two Thirds of it And my Said Grandaughter Rebeckah Partridge Alden The Other Third Part .... And .... my Said Son Samuel Alden Shall and is To have All my Cedar Swamp Lying To The Southwesterly Side of my Farm Excepting The Two Acres of y^e^ Cedar Swamp Before Given Away To my Two Said Grand Children"

The witnesses were Lot Hunt, Ebenezer Chandler and John Wadsworth.

The will is in the handwriting of John Wadsworth, the third witness, and is endorsed, in his hand, "Capt Samuel Aldens Will".

[The will was recorded, 28 : 38.]

[From original letter] On 5 March, 1781, the will was probated, on the oaths of Ebenezer Chandler and John Wadsworth, two of the witnesses, and administration granted to Samuel Alden, the executor. [The letter also recorded, 28 : 41.]

[From original bond] On 5 March, 1781, Samuel Alden, as executor, with Ebenezer Chandler and John Wadsworth as sureties, all of Duxbury, gave a bond for £6000. The witnesses were Waldo Hayward and Isaiah Hayward. [The bond was recorded, 28 : 41.]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

[During the five years 1913 to 1917, both inclusive, the proceedings of the Society were printed in its monthly magazine, "Pilgrim Notes and Queries", now discontinued.]

Twenty-second Annual Meeting, 28 March, 1918

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants was held at the Society's Rooms, No. 53 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, on Thursday afternoon, 28 March, 1918, with the Governor of the Society, Rev. Frederick B. Allen, in the chair.

The reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were read and accepted.

The members rose and stood while the Secretary read the names of the fifteen members who had passed away during the year.

Resolutions prepared by Hon. Asa P. French, to be sent to the members of the Massachusetts Society in the war-service of the United States, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. These resolutions are printed in full, following the Abstract of the Secretary's Report.

Amendments to the By-Laws, proposed by the Board of Assistants, were given the formal first reading.

The report of the Nominating Committee, Hon. Asa P. French, Arthur Perry, Mrs. Arthur W. Mudge, Mrs. Charles G. Perry and Lew C. Hill, was accepted, and the officers therein nominated for the ensuing year were unanimously elected, as follows:

Governor,	William B. H. Dowse
Deputy Governor,	Frederick Foster
Secretary,	George Ernest Bowman
Treasurer,	Ralph E. Thompson
Historian,	Miss Ethel Bradford Davis
Captain,	Maj. Frederic A. Washburn, M.D.
Elder,	Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, D.D.
Surgeon,	Edwin A. Daniels, M.D.
Assistants,	Mrs. William H. Claflin
	Edric Eldridge
	Joseph H. Goodspeed
	Miss Marian C. Jordan
	Mrs. Bayard Thayer
	Arthur C. Walworth
	Miss Marian DeCourcy Ward

Refreshments were served, as usual, by the Committee on At Home Days, after the adjournment of the business meeting.

Abstract of the Secretary's Twenty-second Annual Report

On account of the world war, in which some of our members are taking an active part, and in which all of our members are deeply concerned, my twenty-second annual report is less favorable than the conditions one year ago today led us to expect.

During the past year only fifty-three new members have been elected; and we have lost fifteen by death, eighteen by resignation,

and ten on account of non-payment of annual dues. This leaves a net gain of only ten members in our twenty-second year. The net gain in our twenty-first year was forty-three members.

The actual membership of the Massachusetts Society on this date, 28 March, 1918, is eight hundred and thirty-three (833).

Forty-seven supplemental lines of descent, filed by twenty-two of our members, have been approved during the year.

Gifts to the Library and Cabinet have been: thirty-four bound volumes; ninety-four pamphlets; three old documents; one large framed engraving; seven photographs of gravestones, bible records, etc.; and manuscript copies of the gravestone records, prior to 1851, in the Chiltonville Cemetery, Plymouth, Mass.

During the year we have added about three hundred pages to the amount of our publications, and the Society has published a total of about 6,800 pages in the twenty-two years of its existence.

Owing to the great increase in the expense of paper, printing, etc., it was necessary to reduce the size of our quarterly magazine, "The Mayflower Descendant", beginning with the January, 1917, issue, from sixty-four pages to forty-eight pages; and the publication of our monthly, "Pilgrim Notes and Queries", was discontinued, after its fifth volume (for the year 1917) was completed.

During the past society year we have received the sum of $750.00 in cash gifts, to assist in our publication and research work. The number of contributors was thirty-six, of whom thirty-three were members of the Massachusetts Society, and three were members of other State Societies.

The names of the contributors, in alphabetical order, follow: Mrs. Frederick Allien (of the New York Society), George Ernest Bowman, Mrs. Alfred H. Burnham, John W. Churchill, Mrs. Micajah P. Clough, Mrs. Charles F. Curtis, Miss Anna W. Cutler, Mrs. Elbridge G. Cutler, Mrs. Abner H. Davis, Joseph H. Goodspeed, Mrs. Summerfield Hagerty, Albert A. Hyde (of the Kansas Society), Miss Anna A. Johnson, John Mason Little, Miss Edith Lombard, Arthur E. Lothrop, George A. Macomber, Mrs. Henry D. Moore (of the New Jersey Society), Oscar E. Morton, Edward L. Parker, Miss Mary E. Partridge, Oliver S. Presbrey, Mrs. Clarise Sears Ramsay, Miss Mary Rivers, Mrs. Booker H. Rucker, Horace H. Soule, Clarence W. Stetson, Mrs. Mary Bradford Stevens, Mrs. Bayard Thayer, Ralph E. Thompson, Herbert B. Turner, Miss Anna S. Ward, Miss Marian DeCourcy Ward, James L. Wesson, William J. Wilcox, Mrs. George H. Woodman.

Resolutions Adopted at the Annual Meeting

The members of this Society, recalling with veneration the undaunted courage and Christian fortitude with which their Pilgrim ancestors endured privations and dangers in order to establish upon this side of the Atlantic the great principles of liberty and democracy that have since spread their radiance over the entire civilized world, and realizing that the very existence of these principles is imperiled in the mighty and perhaps final conflict for their endurance and supremacy which is now in progress; and mindful, also, that in that conflict, at the front, and in other fields of service hardly less vital to success, are engaged many descendants of the passengers in the Mayflower in whose cabin was signed the memorable "Compact", called by a great senator from Massachusetts "the most important political transaction which has ever taken place upon the face of the earth", hereby

Resolve, that we view with pride and gratitude the patriotic achievements of the men and women of our number, who, side by side with those of other descent, but of no less patriotism and valor, are giving their energies and their lives to the accomplishment of this, the greatest task ever presented for human performance; and that our hearts and hopes are with them, and our confidence absolute that they will be worthy of the glorious traditions which connect them with that event which is universally regarded as the birth of popular constitutional liberty in the world, the advent upon this continent of the Pilgrims of Leyden; and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Society, and a copy thereof be sent to each of its members in the war-service of the United States.

Gifts for the Library and Cabinet

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Vital Records of East Bridgewater, of Gloucester (Vol. I), of Salem (Vol. I), and of Uxbridge.

From the New Jersey State Library: New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. XXIX.

From an unknown donor: "Records of the Parish of Amity (Now Woodbridge) Connecticut" Part I.

From Miss L. Pearl Brooks: Photographs of Countess Magri (a descendant of Richard Warren, and the widow of Gen. Tom Thumb), her present husband, Count Magri, and his brother, Baron Magri.

From Miss Helen Beach: "Monument International De La Réformation A Genève".

From Mrs. Flora F. Marr: Three Photographs of the Family Bible Records of Levi French.

Mrs. Edwin E. Darling died in Troy, N. Y., 12 October, 1917. She was a descendant of William Bradford, and was elected a member of this Society on 21 November, 1899, her membership number being 538.

Miss Elizabeth R. Graves died in Salem, Mass., 13 December, 1917. She was a descendant of John Alden, and was elected a member of this Society on 2 January, 1914, her membership number being 1280.

William E. Foster died at Atlanta, Ga., 28 December, 1917. He was a descendant of William Bradford, and was elected a member of this Society on 11 January, 1911, his membership number being 1136.

William E. Hodgkins died at Newton Highlands, Mass., 1 January, 1918. He was a descendant of William Bradford, and was elected a member of this Society on 14 May, 1917, his membership number being 1491.

Mrs. John E. Devlin died in Boston, Mass., 13 January, 1918. She was a descendant of William Brewster, and was elected a member of this Society on 12 November, 1917, her membership number being 1511.

Ambrose J. Gallison, M.D., died at Franklin, Mass., 13 February, 1918. He was a descendant of John Howland, and was elected a member of this Society on 22 September, 1915, his membership number being 1379.

Alfred A. Doane died at Everett, Mass., 20 February, 1918. He was a descendant of William Brewster, and was elected a member of this Society on 19 June, 1905, his membership number being 902.

Members Elected

14 January, 1918.

No. 1519. Mrs. John Caswell, Pride's Crossing, Mass., eleventh from James[1] Chilton, tenth from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1520. Reginald Chauncey Robbins, Ensign, U. S. N. R. F., Hamilton, Mass., eleventh from James[1] Chilton, tenth from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1521. Miss Mabel Eva Cheney, Brookline, Mass., eighth from Richard Warren.

No. 1522. Mrs. Everett Jefts Beede, Belmont, Mass., tenth from James[1] Chilton, ninth from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1523. Frank Gardner Hall, Boston, Mass., eighth from Myles Standish.

No. 1524. George Robinson Hall, Boston, Mass., eighth from Myles Standish.

No. 1525. Mrs. John Barden Holmes, Middleborough, Mass., ninth from Isaac[1] Allerton, eighth from Mary[2] Allerton.

No. 1526. Mrs. Emmett John Kling, Nevada, Mo., ninth from Stephen[1] Hopkins, eighth from Gyles[2] Hopkins.

No. 1527. Mrs. William Stewart Peirce, Springfield, Mass., eleventh from William Brewster.

4 February, 1918.

No. 1528. Mrs. Harold Clarence Ernst, Boston, Mass., ninth from William Bradford.

No. 1529. Miss Anna Saltonstall Ward, Boston, Mass., eighth from James[1] Chilton, seventh from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1530. Mrs. Havard Lindley, Centre Marshfield, Mass., eighth from William[1] White, seventh from Peregrine[2] White.

11 February, 1918.

No. 1531. Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, D.D., Boston, Mass., tenth from William[1] Brewster, ninth from Love[2] Brewster.

No. 1532. Henry Dingley Coolidge, Concord, Mass., ninth from William[1] White, eighth from Peregrine[2] White.

No. 1533. Jonathan Wales French, East Milton, Mass., ninth from John Alden.

25 March, 1918.

No. 1534. Mrs. Franklin Delano Putnam, Boston, Mass., eighth from John Alden.

No. 1535. Miss Margaret Dowse, Boston, Mass., eighth from John Alden.

No. 1536. Mrs. Charles Sinclair Weeks, West Newton, Mass., eighth from John Alden.

Supplemental Lines Accepted

February, 1918.

No. 1521. Miss Mabel E. Cheney, ninth from John Howland.

March, 1918.

No. 1506. Thomas J. Mathews, ninth from James[1] Chilton, eighth from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1523. Frank G. Hall; eighth from John Alden; ninth from John[1] Billington, eighth from Francis[2] Billington; eighth from Francis[1] Eaton, seventh from Samuel[2] Eaton; eighth from Dr. Samuel Fuller; ninth from Thomas Rogers.

Supplemental Lines Should Be Filed

Many members have more than one line of Mayflower Descent which should be filed with the Society, so that their own records may be complete in "The Mayflower Genealogies", on which the Editor has been at work since the organization of the Society, in 1896.

The By-Laws require an additional fee of two dollars ($2.00) for each supplemental line filed.

The Editor will be glad to advise members who desire to file additional lines with the Society.

Attest: George Ernest Bowman,
Secretary.

THE WILL OF JONATHAN TURNER[4] OF SCITUATE, MASS.

By the Editor

Jonathan Turner[4] (*Mary*[3] *Brewster, Jonathan*[2], *William*[1]), of Scituate, Mass., married, first, about 1678, Martha Bisbee, daughter of Elisha Bisbee of Scituate, and had by her five children: Deborah, Jemima, Isaac, Keziah and Jonathan (died in infancy). Martha (Bisbee) Turner died at Scituate, 24 March, 1687.

Jonathan Turner[4] married, second, about 1690, Mercy Hatch, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Hewes) Hatch of Scituate, and had by her six children: Mercy, Ruth, Ignatius, Martha, Jesse

and Mary. The date of the death of Mercy (Hatch) Turner has not been found.

Jonathan Turner married, third, in 1721, Lydia Vinton, who survived him. She was not mentioned in his will, but her thirds in the real estate were set off, by order of court, on 3 May, 1725.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of Jonathan Turner's will and all other records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of his estate.

These abstracts are printed at the expense of two members of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mrs. Henry M. Smith and Miss Marion A. Smith, her daughter, who are descended from Jonathan Turner through his daughter Deborah, who married Jonathan Smith of Providence, R. I.

[The Will of Jonathan Turner[4]]

[From original will] "Jonathan Turner of Scittuate .... Cordwainder*" made his will 23 December, 1723. Bequests were as follows:

To "my son Isaac Turner all y^t^ my Ten acre Lot of Land on w^ch^ he now dwelleth Lying near unto or adjoyning to a certain Hill Called Bestows Hill in s^d^ Scittuate together with the houses out houses & fences Standing thereon" also "all that my Great Lot of Land Lying on the North west or westerly side of s^d^ Bestows Hill Containing four Score acres" also "one acre of Meadow Land Lying at a place Called Green Island, w^ch^ acre of meadow I bought of Benj^m^ Silvester .... also one half of the flat I bought of My Brother Amos Turner" also "all y^t^ my share of Land Lying in the old saw mill pond" also "my Lot of five acres of Land Lying by the Land of Zechariah Dammon in scittuate .... and also one great Iron Kittle which was my Brother Hopestill Bisbyes He my son Isaac Turner Paying to my Daughter Jemimah Fosters Children five pounds."

To "my Son Ignatius Turner all that my Land Lying at a place Called New found Marsh and adjoyning to the Land of Joseph Cushing Containing ten acres .... And allso all my swamp Land & upland Lying at a place Called dead swamp : which is now within fence .... He my son Ignatius paying to my Daughter Martha Lowel" £5 "within the Space of one year after my Decease."

To "my Son Jesse Turner all my home Lot, or homestead together with the house I now dwell in, my out houses, my tan

* A shoemaker.

house and [t]an pits and also my meadow L[yi]ng at a place Called the Cove in the Tow[n]ship of Marshfield, and one ha[lf] of the flatt I bought of My Brother Amos T[urner] and also, that two acres of Land w^ch^ I bought of Deacon David Jacob, & which is Lying near the Land of Zebulun Silvester, and adjoyning to the Land of John James" also "my Carts, Ploughs, and all my Iron Chains, and all my Iron wares by what name soever they are Called; He my son Jesse turner paying to my Daughter Keziah Lincoln five pounds, at the End of one year after my Decease: also I give to my son Jesse my Mill stone wherewith I grind bark."

"I give.... all my Right, title, & Intrest in the undevided Lands in Scittuate unto my three Sons, viz: Isaac, Ignatius, & Jesse Turner, to be Equally divided to y^m^"

To "my son Jesse Turner my Horses & oxen; and to my Sons Isaac and Jesse Turner all my Cows, Sheep, Swine, & young Cattle, to be Equally divided unto them."

To "my Daughter mercy Steton*, and to my Daughter Ruth Perry, five Shillings a peice, over and above what I have already given them, to be paid unto them by My son Jesse Turner."

"My will is that all my household stuf (Excepting the bed whereon I Lye, w^ch^ I give to my son Jesse Turner) be Equally divided unto my daughter Deborah Smith. Keziah Lincoln, and the children of my Daughter Jemimah Foster Deceased; that is, her children Shall have one third part of them after my decease."

To "my Sons Isaac, & Jesse Turner, all my stock of hides & Leather, and what is owing to me Either by Book, bills or bonds [t]o be Equally divided unto y^m^ after my Just debts are paid; He my son Isaac Turner Paying to my Daughter Deborah Smith" £5 "within one ye[ar] after my Decease. And my Son Jesse Turner paying to my Daughter Mary Turner" £5 "within one year after my decease."

"my son Isaac Turner, and my good friend Lieu^t^ Stephen Clap" were appointed executors.

The witnesses were Elisha Turner, Benjamin Turner, Jr., and Joshua Turner.

Benjamin Turner, Jr., and Joshua Turner made oath to the will on 4 May, 1724, and Elisha Turner on 5 October, 1724, all before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

The will was probated, at Marshfield, on 5 October, 1724, and administration "committed unto Isaac Turner Eldest son of

* This is an error in the original will. It was recorded "Stetson". Mercy Turner married Jonah Stetson.—*Editor.*

the s[d] deceased and Executor in the same will named" [The will and letter were also recorded, 5 : 12.]

[From unrecorded original] On 4 May, 1724, Stephen Clap, "one of the Executors" named in the will, refused to be an executor.

[From original inventory] An inventory of the estate was taken, at Scituate, on 19 May, 1724, by John Stodder, "phili turner" and Hatherly Foster. The real estate was: "housing land and a Tanyard" £195; "Salt medow and a share of Seader Swamp" £158. Isaac Turner, executor, made oath to the inventory, 1 June, 1724, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 4 : 450.]

[From original document] On 1 February, 1724, Stephen Clap, Timothy Symmes and "James bowker" appraised "one Share of Seader Swamp at" £5, 10s., and the same day all three made oath to the appraisal, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [Also recorded, 5 : 39.]

[From original account] An account of Isaac Turner, the executor, begun 4 May, 1724, but without other date, was allowed, by Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. He had paid "widow tory for nursing" 4s. The other persons mentioned were all included in the following memorandum. [The account was also recorded, 5 : 90.]

[From original memorandum] A memorandum of Isaac Turner, the executor, showed debts due the estate from: Anthony Stetson, Thomas Buck, George Young, Robert Stetson, Nathaniel Eams, James Hatch, Gilbert Brooks, Ebenezer Stetson, Joanna Turner, Joshua Turner, Job Randal, John Dammon, Philip Turner, Widow King, John Kent, Edward Prouty. Debts were due from the estate to Benjamin Turner, Joseph Nash, Stephen Clap, William Turner, Ichabod Merrit, Thomas Briant, Hatherly Foster, Jedediah Hammond, Samuel Doget, Joseph Wheaten, "Joseph Randals widdow", Israel Hatch, Samuel Stockbridge, Mary James, "deacon Linkhorn", Joseph Bates, William Barrel, George King, Elizabeth Gardner, Jonah Stetson, Joseph Jones. Payments had been made to Isaac Little, David Jacob and Job Otis. The accounts were made up on various dates, from 22 June, 1724, to 25 April, 1725. [The memorandum was also recorded, 5 : 88.]

[From original warrant] On 5 July, 1724, "mr John Cushing Jun[r] mr Thomas Briant : mr Gorge [King*] mr Job Randall of Scituate and mr Joseph Jones of marshf[ield]" were appointed

* This name is supplied from the record, as the original is torn.

by Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate, to "make partition to Ledia Turner Relict Widdow of Jonathan Turner .... of her Dower or third part of all the lands and houseing that her s[d] husband dyed siesed of" [The warrant was also recorded, 5 : 81.]

[From original division] On 3 May, 1725, George King, Joseph Jones and John Cushing, Jr., set off to "Lydia Turner widdo .... her dower or th[ird] part of y[e] Land & real Estate .... as Followeth

"One piece of meddo Lying in marshfield adjoyning to y[e] Cove C[reek] Bounded begining att a Stake by the mouth of Cove Creek & from thence runing by the north river towards y[e] East twenty nine r[ods] to a Stake by the river, then South twenty degrees west to the Cove Creek then by s[d] Creek to y[e] mouth thereof to y[e] afores[d] Stake

"Also The one third part of y[e] homestead viz that part next John Jam[es] Land Lying from y[e] rode by s[d] James's land 'till it Comes to s[d] Jam[es] his medo being one third part of y[e] breadth of y[e] Homestead of s[d] Turner deces[d] att all places from y[e] s[d] road down to s[d] meddo

"also The Southerly Great Lower room in y[e] dwelling House & the Celler [under]neath the Same with a priviledge to & in the well for water & the four [apple] trees next on y[e] northerly & westerly Side of s[d] House & the Libertie [of] Bringing & Laying wood att s[d] House as Conveniently as may be

"also The Easterly roome in the barn & the loft over s[d] room & the liber[ty] of Going in y[e] flower of y[e] barn with hay or Corn & thrashing therein as she shall have occ[asion] Excepting & hereby reserving to Jesse Turner to whome s[d] Homestea[d] is Given in y[e] will of s[d] Jon[a] Turner y[e] remaining part of y[e] s[d] Barn (it Standing on y[e] s[d] part Set of to s[d] widdo) and the priviledges necessary & Convenient round y[e] Same & to y[e] Same for Improvement thereof & also Excepting y[e] worke house Limes & Graner & the watering which is within the afores[d] third part, & also y[e] priviledge Necessary for Improveing y[e] Same also we have Set of to [s[d]] Widdo the one Third part of y[e] Quarter part of y[e] Flatt Cal[led] y[e] Great Flatt which did belong to s[d] Jonathan Turner in his Life Time and y[e] Third part of an acre of meddo which s[d] Jon[a] Turner bought of Benj[a] Silvester Lying by y[e] North River"

The three commissioners made oath to the division, on 3 May, 1725, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The division was also recorded, 5 : 81.]

THE WILL OF JOHN MORTON OF MIDDLEBOROUGH AND THE MARRIAGES OF HIS CHILDREN

By the Editor

John[3] Morton (*John*[2], *George*[1]), of Plymouth and Middleborough, Mass., married, first, Phebe Shaw* of Plymouth, who died 11 June, 1686, leaving two children: Joanna Morton, who married Elisha Vaughan and Ebenezer Redding; Phebe Morton, who married, as his second wife, John Murdock.

John[3] Morton married, second, at Plymouth, on 4 March, 1687, Mary Ring[3], daughter of Andrew and Deborah[2] (Hopkins) Ring, of Plymouth, and granddaughter of Stephen[1] Hopkins of The Mayflower.

John and Mary (Ring) Morton had seven children: John, died in infancy; Mary, married Thomas Tomson[3] (*Mary*[2] *Cooke, Francis*[1]); John (second child of the name), died, without issue, before his father; Hannah, married John Hodges; Ebenezer, married Mercy Foster; Deborah, married Jonathan Inglee; Persis, died, without issue, before her father.

The births of eight of the nine children, by the two wives, were entered together, on the Plymouth town records, and were printed in our first volume. The baptism, in 1687, of the first of the two sons named John is found on the Plymouth First Church records.

John Morton made his will, 17 January, 1717/18, and died at Middleborough, 20 March, 1717/18. In the will he named his wife Mary, his son Ebenezer, his married daughter Joanna, and his three unmarried daughters, Phebe, Hannah and Deborah; but he did not mention even the surname of Joanna's husband.

The deed here printed, dated 21 February, 1725/6, proves marriages of the daughters as follows: Joanna had married a Vaughan and had been left a widow, Phebe was the wife of John Murdoch, Mary was the wife of Thomas Tomson, Hannah was the wife of John Hodges, and Deborah was the wife of Jonathan Inglee.

Four of these marriages, and the second marriage of Joanna, we have printed in earlier issues of this magazine, as follows: Elisha Vaughan married Joanna Morton, 3 July, 1705; Ebenezer

* See the article, "Shaw—Morton—Paine—Ring—Snow", in our January, 1918, issue (Vol. XX, p. 44).

Redding married Joanna Vaughan, 10 September, 1728; Thomas Tomson married Mary Morton, 13 December, 1715; John Murdoch married Phebe Morton, 4 November, 1719; Jonathan Inglee married Deborah Morton, 27 February, 1723/4.

Elisha Vaughan of Middleborough died 23 May, 1724, and the probate records relating to his estate show that his widow, Joanna, was appointed administratrix, and that she married Ebenezer Redding of Middleborough, before the final division of the estate.

A number of serious errors in regard to the marriages of John Morton's children, which have been printed by earlier writers, should be noted here.

William T. Davis, in "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth", said that the daughter Hannah Morton married John[4] Cooke; but the evidence here presented proves that she married John Hodges; and, in our January, 1915, issue, the present writer proved that John[4] Cooke married Hannah (———) Morton, widow of Ephraim Morton.

Davis also said that the daughter Deborah Morton married Caleb Stetson. It is true that a Deborah Morton married a Caleb Stetson, at Plymouth, on 8 November, 1732; but, as here shown, John Morton's daughter Deborah had married Jonathan Inglee more than eight years earlier.

Davis also omitted the first son John; and he changed the sex of the last child, by printing the name "Perez", instead of "Persis". He also omitted the two marriages of the daughter Joanna, and the marriage of the daughter Mary.

Mr. J. Granville Leach, in "Memoranda Relating to the Ancestry and Family of Hon. Levi Parsons Morton"*, copied Davis, without correcting any of his errors or omissions, and called Deborah Morton the "second wife" of Caleb Stetson.

Mr. John K. Allen, in "George Morton of Plymouth Colony and Some of His Descendants"†, copied all of Davis' errors, except the name of the last child, and added others.

John Morton and Mary Ring were married, and his children, by both wives, were all recorded, not at Middleborough, as stated by Mr. Allen, but at Plymouth.

Mr. Allen also omitted the second marriage of the daughter Joanna, and said that the daughter Mary married Joseph Hall. It is true that a Mary Morton married a Joseph Hall, at Plymouth, 15 May, 1711; but John Morton's daughter Mary married

* Cambridge, Mass., 1894.

† Chicago, Ill., 1908.

Thomas Tomson in 1715, as here shown, and was called "Mary Morton" in the marriage record.

The will of John Morton is printed at the expense of Mr. Oscar E. Morton, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of John and Mary (Ring) Morton, through their son Ebenezer Morton.

The reference to the original document on file, or to the records, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[John Morton's Will]

[From original will] "John Morton of Middleborrough" made his will 17 January, 1717/18. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Mary Morton (over & above the best bed & furniture which of Right belongs to her) the use of one fire room in my house dureing her widdowhood & do hereby will & Require my son Ebenezer Morton to find his mother the use of a milksh Cow both winter & summer & fire wood cut & brought to her dore & also pay her twelve pounds a year out of the Produce of the farm dureing her widdowhood & if through age or Infirmity my wife need better Support my will is that my said son shall provide for her & maintain her honourabbly dureing her life."

To "my three daughters which are yet unmarryed viz: Phebe Hannah & Deborah the use of one fire Room in my house along with their mother & also do will & Require my said son to provide them fire wood cut & brought to their dore & to keep a Cow for Each of them both summer & winter so long as they live unmarried & no longer they finding themselves the Cows."

To "my S^{d} son Ebenezer Morton .... my whole farm whereon I now dwell with all the land thereunto belonging viz: all my land in the Purchace called the little lot purchace with the the housing thereon lying on the westward side of the River also .... one yoake of oxen & two Cows with all my carts plows & utensells belonging to my teem & also one feather bed & beding thereto belonging also the Remaining time which I have in Samuel Hackett hereby requiring him to fullfill my Indenture to s^{d} Hackett also I Give him all my wearing apparrill with my armes & amunition . also .... my Negro called Sherper So long as my s^{d} son shall pay his mother the sum above mentioned & afterwards I give my s^{d} Negro unto my five daughters unless my said son shall se reason to pay his five sisters or theirs the sum of fourty pounds & then the S^{d} negro to Remaine to him forever."

To "my Daughter Phebe a feather bed & beding thereunto Belonging."

To "my Daughter Hannah a feather bed & beding thereunto belonging."

To "my Daughter Deborah a feather bed & beding thereunto belonging."

To "my five daughters .... my two lots of land in the South Purchace in Middleborrough Eaquelly amongst them"

To "my five daughters Johanah Phebe Mary Hannah & Deborah all my Cattle (Except the two oxen & the two Cows allready given to my s[d] son) as also all my horse kind my sheep & swine to be Eaqually Divided amonghst them."

"I Give all the remaining part of my housoll goods & moveable Estate Eaqually amonghst my six Children & is is my .... will that if the Debts owing to me are not sufficient to pay my Debts & Defray my funerall Charges that what remaines wanting shall be defrayed out of my stock given to my five daughters"

"my beloved wife & my son Ebenezer" were appointed sole executors.

The will was signed: "john morton".

The witnesses were Isaac Lothrop, John Watson, and Nathaniel Thomas, Jr.

On 1 May, 1718, "Major Isaac Lothrop M[r] John Watson & Nathaniel Thomas Jun[r] Esq[r]" made oath to the will, before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate, and administration was granted to Mary Morton and Ebenezer Morton, the executors named. [The will and letter were also recorded, 4 : 76, 77.]

[From original inventory] "an Invintary on the Estate of m[r] John Morton of Middleboro : departed the 20 of March 1718" was taken by Ichabod Southworth, Peter Bennet and Samuel Barrows, on 22 May, 1718. No real estate was mentioned. "one negro man" was valued at £40. Ebenezer Morton, the executor, made oath to the inventory on 18 June, 1718. [The inventory was also recorded, 4 : 131.]

[John Morton's Daughters to Benoni Shaw]

[Plym. Co. Deeds, 26:185] On 21 February, 1725/6, "Thomas Tomson & Mary his Wife, & Jonathan Inglee & Deborah his Wife, & Joanna Vaughan Widow all of Middleborough .... & John Murdoch & Phebe his Wife of y[e] Town of Plymouth .... and John Hodges & Hannah his Wife of y[e] Town of Norton" for £10, sold to "Benoni Shaw of y[e] Town of Plimton .... A certain Lot of Land Containing fourty five acres .... in the fifth

Division in y^e^ Purchase called the South Purchase in the Township of Middleborough afores^d^ and is in Number y^e^ 158^th^ Lot in s^d^ Purchase; & did originally belong unto the Right of our Honoured Father John Morton deceased, and is bounded at y^e^ West South West End thereof by the Range between the fourth & fifth Divisions from a Small Maple tree marked on four Sides, & several other small maples marked facing to it, North North West fourty Seven Pole in Breadth to a Swamp Wood tree marked 158:159: Standing in a Swamp, and from these two aforementioned Boundaries the Ranges on Each Side of y^e^ s^d^ Lot runs East North East half a Mile in length to the Range between y^e^ fifth Division & y^e^ Sixth Division: and also that Share of Land which fell by Lot unto our afores^d^ Father John Morton in y^e^ late allotment of little Shares in the afores^d^ South Purchase; W^ch^ s^d^ Share Containeth two acres & a quarter, & is the twentieth Part of y^e^ 118^th^ Lot in s^d^ Purchase as may appear upon the Record of s^d^ Purchase: (always Excepting that two Acres of Meadow w^ch^ lyeth within the aforementioned Bounds of the 158^th^ Lot first Mentioned, Which s^d^ two acres of meadow was Excepted from s^d^ Lot in the first laying out thereof as may appear upon Record:"

The deed was signed by: Joanna Vaughan (by a mark), John Hodges, Hannah Hodges (by a mark), Jonathan Inglee, Deborah Inglee, Thomas Tomson, Mary Tomson (by a mark), John Murdoch, Phebe Murdoch.

The witnesses were: James Soul, Francis Tomson, Ebenezer Morton, James Shaw.

The deed was acknowledged, in Plymouth County, before Jacob Tomson, Justice of the Peace, as follows: On 22 February, 1725/6, by "Thomas Tomson and Mary his Wife"; on 1 March, 1725/6, by "John Murdoch & Phebe his Wife"; on 10 March, 1725/6, by "Joanna Vaughan & John Hodges & Hannah his Wife & Jonathan Inglee & Deborah his Wife".

The deed was recorded 7 August, 1731.

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I GIVE and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

EASTHAM AND ORLEANS, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

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(Continued from Vol. XIX, p. 186)

[p. 138] February 24 : 1741/2 then Ebenezor Snow & Lidea Smith both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

March the 5th 1741/2 then Constant Shaw Died

Nathaniel Freeman Son of Barnabas Freeman was born the 14 day of april 1741

July 30th 1741 then Thephilas Mayo junr & Thankfull higgins both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by mr Joseph Crocker minester

Theophilus son of Theophilus Mayo & Thankfull his wife was born December 30th 1752*

November 12 : 1741 then Isaac Larrance of Sandwich & Ruth Freeman widow of Eastham ware married in Eastham by mr Joseph Crocker minester

march 11 : 1741/2 then Joseph Ary & Hannah Rogers both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by mr Joseph Crocker minester

april 1 : 1742 then John Tayller junr & Phebee Higgins both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by mr Joseph Crocker minester the Children Recorded in the new Book

May the 6th 1742 then Thomas Nickason junr of chatham & Dorkis Sparrow of Eastham ware married in Eastham by Mr Joseph Crocker minester

May† 27th 1742 then Mecaiah Snow junr & Elizabeth freeman both of Eastham ware married in Eastham by mr Joseph Crocker minester

all the above carried to the county clerk

[p. 139] October the 8th 1742 then Ebenezor Higgins junr & Martha Burg both of Eastham was maried In Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

Elizabeth higgins Daughter of Ebenezor higgins was born the 24th day of January 1742/3

seth higgens the sun of Ebnezar and martha higgens was Born in Eastham may 17 : 1744

* "1742" appears to have been altered to "1752".

† "April" was first written, but was crossed out and "May" interlined, in the same hand.

hanah higgens the Dafter of Ebnezar and martha higgens was Born in Eastham July 8 : 1747

Ebnezar higgens the sun of Ebnezar and martha higgens was born in Eastham August 23 . 1749

Jonathan higgens the sun of Ebnezar higgens was born in Eastham August 4 : 1751

abisha higgens sun of Ebnezar and martha higgens was Born in Eastham jun 12 : 1753 Look in paig 84

October 18 : 1742 then Elkenah Nickason of chatham & Bathsheba Snow of Eastham ware Married in Eastham by Joseph Doane Justice Peace

Loock in the new Book for Rest of the children page 23*

november 25th 1742 then James Knowls of chatham & Sarah Doane of Eastham ware married In Eastham by me Joseph Doane Justice Peace

all the above 3 marriages are carried to the county clerk

Easther Higgins Daughter of Moses higgins was born the 7th of February 1739/40

Aron Higgins Son of Moses higgins was born the 14th of march 1741/2

Samuel Knowls Son of Samuel Knowls junr was born the 14th of September 1738

azubah Knowls Daughter of Samuel Knowls jun was born the 11th of november 1740

Hatsel Knowls Son of Samuel Knowls junr was born the 5th of november 1742

[p. 140] John Whitnee Son of Doctor John Whitnee was born the Second day of September 1740

Josiah Whitnee Son of Doctor John Whitnee was born the 7th of november 1741

Seth Whitnee Son of Doctor John Whitnee was born the 5th day of February 1742/3

Aron Dill Son of Thomas Dill was born July 30 : 1739

James Dill Son of Thomas Dill was born october 15 : 1741

Josiah harding Son of Isaac harding was born the 29 day of December 1741

David Higgins Son of Isaiah and Ann Higgins was Born in Eastham august 12 : 1759

Richard Higgins Son of Isaiah and ann Higgins was Born in Eastham april 5 : 1762

* This entry refers to children of Ebenezer Higgins, by wife Martha, and by a second wife, Hannah Yates, of Harwich, whom he married, at Harwich, 27 October, 1763.

Benaiah Higgins Son of Isaiah and ann Higgins was Born in Eastham may 31 Day 1765

June the 16 : 1743 then Will Toby & Sarah Davis both of harwich ware married In Eastham by me Joseph Doane Justice Peace

Nathaniel Brown Son of Ebenezor Brown was born october 27 : 1734

Ebenezor Brown Son of Ebenezor Brown was born August 21 : 1736

Rebecka Brown Daughter of Ebenezor brown was born october 16 : 1738

Elizabeth Brown Daughter of Ebenezor brown was born February 18 : 1741

Damorus Brown Daughter of Ebenezor brown was born november the 2nd 1743

Hannah Brown daughter of Ebenezer and Rebecka Brown was born at Eastham on ye 3d day of november 1745

(*To be continued*)

NOTES BY THE EDITOR

"Pilgrim Notes and Queries" Discontinued. On account of the great increase in the cost of printing, paper, etc., the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants discontinued the publication of its monthly magazine, "Pilgrim Notes and Queries", on the completion of the fifth volume, for the year 1917.

John[3] Samson's Estate. We here print exhaustive abstracts of all records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estate of John[3] Samson (*Stephen*[2], *Henry*[1]) of Duxbury, Mass., who died there in 1770:

[From original letter] On 5 March, 1770, "John Samson of Duxborough .... yeoman" was appointed administrator on the estate of "John Samson Late of said Duxborough yeoman Deceased" [The letter was also recorded, 20 : 354.]

[From unrecorded original bond] On 5 March, 1770, "John Samson of Duxboro" as administrator, with "Nathll Clap Esqr of Scituate & melatiah Dillingham of Hanover .... yeoman" as sureties, gave bond for £500, "the sd John Samson" having been "appointed Admr on ye Estate of His Father John Samson .... yeoman Decd" The witnesses were Joseph Josselyn and William Turner.

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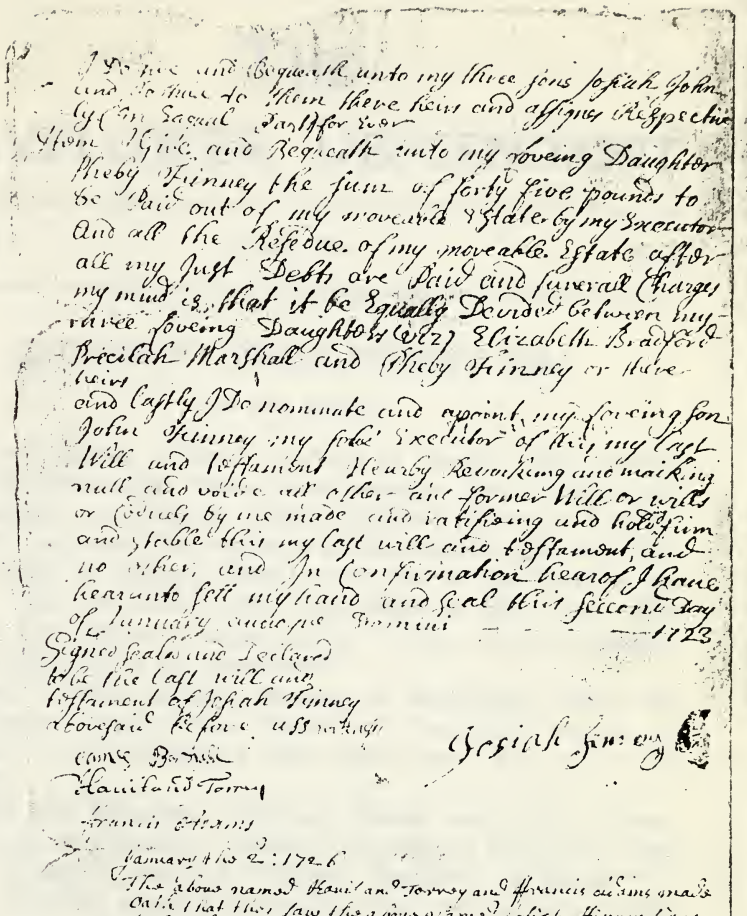

LIEUT. JOSIAH FINNEY'S WILL

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LIEUTENANT JOSIAH FINNEY'S WILL

By the Editor

Josiah[2] Finney (*John*[1]) was born 11 January, 1660, according to the Barnstable, Mass., town records. He married, first, at Plymouth, 19 January, 1687, Elizabeth[3] Warren (*Joseph*[2], *Richard*[1]), who was the mother of all his children. She was born at Plymouth, 15 August, 1662, but the date of her death is not known. Her last child, Joshua, was born 20 July, 1708. She probably died before 2 January, 1723, the date of her husband's will, in which she is not mentioned.

Josiah[2] Finney married, second, at Marshfield, Mass., on 14 September, 1726, Mercy Thomas, of Marshfield, who is not mentioned in her husband's will, which was made before the marriage.

Josiah and Elizabeth (Warren) Finney had eight children, all recorded at Plymouth: Josiah (first child of the name) died young; Elizabeth, married William[4] Bradford (*William*[3-2-1]); Robert; Priscilla, married Samuel Marshall; Josiah, second child of the name; John; Phebe, married Jonathan Barnes[5] (*Mary Bartlett*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]); Joshua.

Lieut. Josiah Finney made his will 2 January, 1723, and the witnesses made oath to it, 2 January, 1726; but the date of his death has not been found. His will is still in the probate files at Plymouth, and the accompanying illustration shows the second page of the original, with the autograph signature of the testator.

Mr. Edward L. Parker, of Concord, Mass., a descendant of Lieut. Josiah Finney, and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, has contributed the cost of photo-

graphing and reproducing this will of his ancestor, and of printing the following copy of the will and the abstracts of all other probate records, at Plymouth, relating to the settlement of the estate.

[Lieut. Josiah Finney's Will]

[From original will] "In the name of God amen I Josiah Finny of Plymouth in the County of Plymouth in New England yeaman Being of a disposeing mind and memorie blessed be God and Calling to mind my one mortalety Do maike this my last will and Testament in manner and form following; in the first place I Commit my soul into the hands of God that gave it me: and my Body to the grave with a Decent Christian buriall att the discrestion of my Executor . and as to that worldly Estate that God hath Geven me I dispose of it in this manner

"Imprimuss I Give and Bequeath unto my Loveing son Robert Finney his heirs and assignes for Ever . all that seventy ac[res of] land where he now Dwells also a thirty Eight acre lot near ajoyning to sd seventy acres : and all my meadow and meadowish ground above the uppermost Damm att a Place Called finneys meadow with one Quarter part of my wright in the Beach

"Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loveing son Josiah Finney one third part of the farm or homestead where I Live In Quantety on that side that is Next to Captaine Mortons to him and his heirs and assignes for Ever with one quarter part of my Right in the Beach

"Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loveing son John Finney his heirs and assignes for Ever one third part of my farm or homesteed where I Live In Quantety Next to his Brother Josiah with the south westermost End of my Dweling house and half my Barn (onely some reserves for Joshua) his heirs or assignes for Ever also I give to my son John my Negro man : he paying twenty pounds to his Brother Joshua

"Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loveing son Joshua Finney his heirs and assignes for Ever the other third part of my farm or home stead where I Live In Quantety : also half my Right att the Beach . also my twenty five acres of upland togather with all my meadow and meadoish Ground att a place Called small ganes . also the North Eastermost End of my Dweling house with half my Barn and a Right in my well and Conveniance of away to said house from his land and to said [well] with a suteable Conveniancy of land to lay wood near the do[or]

and the Priviledg of away and in the well and of said land to Continue so long as the house Continues and no longer also twenty pounds to be Paid to him by his Brother John Finney as aforesaid

"And my will is that all the Resedue of my land with my meadow and meadoish ground att finneys meadow below the uppermost Damm and all my Ceader swamps with my Quarter part of the Grist mill and the Dwelling house belonging to said mill I I Do give and Bequeath unto my three sons Josiah John and Joshua to them there heirs and assignes Respectively . (In Eaqual Parts) for Ever

"Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loveing Daughter Pheby Finney the sum of forty five pounds to be Paid out of my moveable Estate by my Executor

"And all the Resedue of my moveable Estate after all my Just Debts are Paid and funerall Charges my mind is that it be Equally Devided between my three Loveing Daughters (viz) Elizabeth Bradford Precilah Marshall and Pheby Finney or there heirs

"and lastly I Do nominate and apoint my Loveing son John Finney my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament Hearby Revockeing and maiking null and voide all other and former Will or wills or Codicels by me made and ratifieing and holding firm and stable this my last will and testament; and no other, and In Confirmation hearof I have hearunto sett my hand and seal this seccond Day of January annoque Domini 1723

Signed sealed and Declared Josiah Finney (seal)
to be the last will and
testament of Josiah Finney
abovesaid before uss wittneses
James Barnebe
Haviland Torrey
Francis Adams

"January the 2^{d} : 1726
The above named Haviland Torrey and Francis Adams made Oath that they saw the above named Josiah Finney signe seal and heard him declare the above and within written Instrument to be his last Will and Testament and that they at the same time with James Barnabe set to their hands as witnesess : And that according to the best of their observation he then was of a sound and disposeing mind and memory

Befor Isaac Winslow Judge of Probate"

On 12 January, 1726, at Marshfield, the will was probated, and administration granted to John Finney, the executor named, by Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The will was also recorded, 5 : 219]

[From original warrant] On 2 January, 1726, Mr. John Foster, Mr. Francis Adams and Mr. Ebenezer Holmes, all of Plymouth, were appointed to appraise the estate. On the back is endorsed "Warrant to prise Leut Phiney Estate" [The warrant was also recorded, 5 : 220.]

[From original inventory] On 5 January, 1726/7, John Foster, Francis Adams and Ebenezer Holmes took the inventory "of M^{r} Josiah Phinney of Plymouth .... Deceased". No real estate was included. The three appraisers and the executor made oath to the inventory, 9 March, 1726/7, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 5 : 220.]

[5 : 163] "To m^{r} Robert Finney of Plymouth .... whereas your Brother Joshua Finney who is a minor under y^{e} age of twenty one years & above y^{e} age of fourteen years hath made Choice of you to be His Guardian" the choice was approved and confirmed, on 16 January, 1726.

[From unrecorded bond] On 16 January, 1726, Robert Finney, as guardian of "his Brother Joshua Finney", with Thomas Wethrell as surety, both of Plymouth, gave a bond of £200. The witnesses were, Samuel Marshall and Henry Rickard, the latter signing by a mark.

THE WILL OF JEREMIAH SPRAGUE[4] OF HINGHAM, MASS.

By the Editor

Jeremiah Sprague[4], of Hingham, Mass., son of Anthony Sprague and Elizabeth Bartlett[3] (*Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), was born in that town 24 July, 1682. He was married, in Boston, 5 March, 1706, by Rev. Cotton Mather, to Priscilla Knight.

Jeremiah Sprague made his will, 12 February, 1754, and it was probated, 30 March, 1759. He made bequests to: wife Priscilla; son Jacob Sprague; son Knight Sprague; son Jeremiah Sprague; son John Sprague; son Nehemiah Sprague; daughter Priscilla Hatch; daughters Susanna, Mary, Elizabeth, Deborah and Joanna; grandson Jeremiah.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of Jeremiah Sprague's will and all other records relating to the settlement of his estate, found in the Suffolk County, Mass., Registry of Probate.

These abstracts have been prepared, and are printed, at the expense of Mrs. Booker H. Rucker, of Rolla, Mo., who is a descendant of Jeremiah Sprague's son Knight Sprague, and is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The reference to the record, or the original document on file, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[Jeremiah Sprague's Will]

[From original will] On 12 February, 1754, "Jeremiah Sprague of Hingham in the County of Suffolk yeoman" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Priscila the use and Improvement of the South East End, of my House with a Priveledge in y^e^ Seller Also the use and Improvement of One third part of all my Improved Lands & meadows During her natural Life . also To Cut wood in any Part of my Lands for her own use . Also one Cow, and Six Sheep for her own : Also All my House-Hold Goods for her use, During her natural Life . And after her Decease, to Return to my Six Daughters Here after named Equally"

To "my Son Jacob Sprague .... all that my Peice of fresh meadow I purcha^d^ of Tho^s^ Jones Dec^d^ Lying near the old Clay pits in Hingham Also : all my Interest in the undived Lands in Hingham, so Called and Lately Divided;"

To "my Son Knight Sprague .... one third part of my Lands in the uper Part of y^e^ third Division Lying Between mathew Sprague & Josiah Sprague also one third Part of my Land, in y^e^ Second part of y^e^ Third Division"

To "my Son Jeremiah Sprague .... all my now Dwelling house out Housing and Land adjoyning : Also a Peice of meadow in y^e^ Third Division Lying on Rockey River So Colled also the Land adjoyning to y^e^ same also one Horse, and Two oxen, & all my farming tools"

To "my Son John Sprague .... one third part of my Land in y^e^ uper Part of y^e^ Third Division Lying Between mathew & Josiah Spragues Land, also one third part of my Lands in y^e^ Second part of ye third Division"

To "my son nchemiah Sprague .... The one third part of my Land in y^e^ uper part of y^e^ third Division Lying Between mathew

& Josiah Spragues Lands also one third Part of my Land in ye Second part of y^e^ Third Division"

To "my Daughter Priscilla Hatch" £4 "Lawfull money to be Paid in five years after my Deceas By my Son Jeremiah Sprague"

To "my Daughter Susanah" £5 "Lawful money to be Paid in five years after my Deceas By my Son Jeremiah Sprague"

To "my Daughter Mary" £5 "Lawfull money to be Paid By my Son Jeremiah After my Deceas, at Twelve Shilling a year Lawful money yearly untill the five Pounds Are Paid"

To "my Daughter Elizabeth" £5 "Lawful money to be Paid in five years after my Deceas By my Son Jeremiah"

To "my Daughter Deborah" £5 "Lawful mony to be Paid By my Son Jeremiah In five years after my Deceas"

To "my Daughter Joanna" £6, 13s., 4d., "Lawful money to Be Paid By my Son Jeremiah in five years after my Deceas"

To "my Grand son Jeremiah my Gun and Cutlash"

"my five Sons Shall Pay all my Just Debts & funeral Charges Eqally"

"my Son namely Jeremiah Sprague to be Sole Executor", and "as I have Given him my hose*, Will and Require him to Carry his mother to meeting . when She is able to go"

"And I Do hereby Give .... my Five sons .... all that may hereafter appear to be my Estate"

The will was signed by a mark.

The witnesses were James Fearing, Ephraim Jones and Hawke Fearing. James and Hawke Fearing made oath to the will, at Boston, on 30 March, 1759. [The will was also recorded, 54 : 230.]

[54 : 229] The will was probated, at Boston, on 30 March, 1759, and administration granted to "his Son Jeremiah Sprague" the executor named in the will.

[From original] On 6 April, 1759, at Hingham, Thomas Jones "appointed to be one of the apprisers of the Estate of Jeremiah Sprague Late of Hingham Deceased" made oath that he would appraise the estate according to his best judgment. [The oath was not recorded.]

[From original inventory] "A True Inventory of .... the Goods, and Chattels of Jeremiah Sprague of Hingham .... Yeoman Deceased, Prized at Hingham" on 20 April, 1759, by James Fearing, Thomas Jones and Hawkes Fearing. The real estate

* Horse.

was: "the House & Barn & 10 acres of Land at Home" £120; "12 acres of Land & meadow in y^e 3^d Division" £48; "10 acres of Land in y^e Uper Part of y^e 3^d Division" £53, 6s., 8d.; "10 acres of Land in y^e 2^d Part of y^e 3^d Division" £46, 6s., 8d.; "the Common or undivided Land So Called" £10; "4 acres meadow near y^e old Clay pit" £20. The total amount of the inventory was £356, 13s., 8d.

Jeremiah Sprague, executor, and the three appraisers made oath to the inventory, on 14 September, 1759, at Boston. [The inventory was also recorded, 54 : 523.]

[From original account] The account of "Jeremia Sprague", executor, was presented and allowed on 11 January, 1771. Payments had been made to Reuben Simmons, Dr. Ezekiel Hearsey, Elisha Beal, Elisha Leavitt, Jr., Stephen Stowel, Matthew Sprague, Solomon Cushing, Ebenezer Lincoln, Josiah Sprague, Nehemiah Sprague, Thomas Jones, Joshua Burr, Daniel Teague. [The account was also recorded, 70 : 14.]

THE WILLS OF JOB OTIS, OF SCITUATE, MASS., AND HIS DAUGHTER PRISCILLA OTIS

By the Editor

Job Otis of Scituate, Mass., married Mercy Little[4], daughter of Ephraim Little[3] (*Anna*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), of Marshfield, Mass., and they had ten children: Mercy Otis[5], married John Clapp[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]); Job Otis[5], married Thankful Otis; Abigail Otis[5], married Andrew Halliburton; Mary Otis[5], not mentioned in will of father or sister; Ephraim Otis[5], married Rachel Hersey; Ruth Otis[5], married Dr. Benjamin Stockbridge; Sarah Otis[5], died in infancy; David Otis[5], not mentioned in will of father or sister; Sarah Otis[5] (second of the name), married Mordecai Ellis; Priscilla Otis[5], died unmarried.

The daughter Priscilla Otis[5] died before her father, leaving a will, dated 31 October, 1750, and probated 10 December, 1750, in which she gave legacies to numerous relatives, including several "cosins". It should be noted that the term "cousin" was, at that time, frequently used to indicate the relationship for which we now use the words "nephew" and "niece", and it was so used by Priscilla Otis[5] in her will.

Job Otis, the father, made his will 30 March, 1752, and it was probated 13 May, 1760. Legacies were given to wife Mercy, to sons Job and Ephraim, to daughters Mercy, Abigail and Sarah, and to Charles Stockbridge, Ruth Stockbridge, Mercy Stockbridge and Elizabeth Stockbridge, the four children of a deceased daughter, Ruth Stockbridge.

We here present exhaustive abstracts of the two wills, and of all other records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estates of Job Otis and his daughter Priscilla Otis, the reference being noted with each abstract.

These wills are printed at the expense of Miss Mary Rivers, of Milton, Mass., a descendant of Ephraim and Rachel (Hersey) Otis, and one of the incorporators of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants. Miss Rivers has also paid the expense of printing, in this issue, the will of Abiel Smith.

[The Will of Priscilla Otis[5]—1750]

[12 : 140] Priscilla Otis "of Scituate .... Spinster" made her will on 31 October, 1750. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Brother in Law mordecai Ellis" £13, 6s., 8d.

To "my Sister Sarah Ellis" £13, 6s., 8d.

To "my Cosin pricilla Hallyburton" £6, 13s., 4d.

To "my Cosin Pricilla Otis Daughter of my Brother Ephram Otis" £6, 13s., 4d.

To "my Cosins Rebeca Ellis Sarah Ellis and Lucy Ellis Daughtrs of my Sister Sarah to Each of them" £13, 6s., 8d.

To "my Cosins Charles Stockbridge Ruth Stockbridge marcy Stockbridge and Elizabeth Stockbridge y^e^ Children of my Sister Ruth Deceased to Each of them" £13, 6s., 8d.

To "m^rs^ Hester Thomson Wife of y^e^ Rev^d^ M^r^ Ebenezer thomson" £13, 6s., 8d.

"my mind and will is that all y^e^ afores^d^ Legasies Save that to s^d^ mordecaei shall by my Exc^r^ Be Laid out in plate marked with my name and by s^d^ Exc^r^ Delivered as follows viz my s^d^ Sister Sarahs Legasies and m^rs^ Thomsons within one year after my Decease and to y^e^ rest as they respectively arive to y^e^ age of Eighteen years or are married which first happens"

To "my Sister Sarah Ellis all my wairing apparrel and a Set of Tea things of Every Sort which I have"

To "my Brother in Law Benj^a^ Stockbridge Esq^r^" £40, "to be Laid out for my funeral Charges viz for Eight funaral Rings

one Hundred pair of gloves and all other things Decent and Conveniant for my funaral"

"all the rest of my Estate Real and personal Lying and Being In Scituate Hanover and abington or Else Where I give and Bequeath unto my s^d^ Brother in Law Benjamin Stockbridge .... he .... paying my Just Debts and the Legasies afores^d^ and I Do hereby appointe him my Execr^r^"

The witnesses were Jonathan Fish, William Cushing and Charles Cushing.

The will was probated 10 December, 1750, on the oaths of the three witnesses, and administration granted to Benjamin Stockbridge, Esq., of Scituate.

On 1 February, 1750,* Benjamin Stockbridge, Esq., of Scituate, as administrator, and Benjamin James and Benjamin Jacob, gentlemen, both of Scituate, as sureties, gave bond for £800. The witnesses were Eleazer Litchfield and Thomas Litchfield.

[13 : 39] On 27 November, 1751, "Mordecai Ellis of Hanover .... Cordwainer & Sarah his wife" receipted to "Benjamin Stockbridge of Scituate .... Esqr, Exec^r^ of the Last Will .... of Priscilla Otiss late of Scituate Spinster Dec^d^" for Mordecai's legacy of £13, 6s., 8d., in money, and for Sarah's legacy of £13, 6s., 8d., "in Plate Mark^t^ Agreeable to the Directions in S^d^ will".

The receipt was signed by Mordecai and Sarah Ellis, and both acknowledged it, on 14 February, 1753. The witnesses were Nathaniel Clap and Lemuel Otis.

On 27 November, 1751, "Ebenezer Tomson of Scituate .... Clerk & Esther his wife" receipted to "Benj^a^ Stockbridge of Scituate afores^d^ Esq^r^ Exec^r^ to the last will .... of Priscilla Otiss late of s^d^ Scituate Spinster Dec^d^" for Esther's legacy of £13, 6s., 8d. "in plate market Agreable to the Directions in s^d^ will"

The receipt was signed by Ebenezer and Esther Tompson, and both acknowledged it, on 27 December, 1752. The witnesses were, Joseph Tolman and Elizabeth Lincoln.

[The Will of Job Otis—1752]

[From original will] "Job Otis of Scituate in y^e^ County of Plymouth .... Yeoman" made his will on 30 March, 1752. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Mercy Otis y^e^ use and Improvment of the one Third part of all my Real Estate During her Natural life also

* This is in Old Style dating. In New Style it would be, 12 February, 1751.

the use of one of my Cows which She shall Choose and my best horse & Furniture to Ride on as she shall have Occation, and one of my Negroes which she shall Choose to wait on her & do for her as she shall think fit but not to Let out or Dispose of to another and all these I Give her so long as she shall live s^d^ Negro horse & Cow to be annually keept & maintaind by my Exc^r^ hereafter named where I now Dwell, also I Give to s^d^ wife all my books & Houshold stuff and Plate & my Purse & apparel to be at her own Dispose for Ever .... my Exc^r^ shall find & provide fire wood Sufficient for my s^d^ wife Annually & Every year During her natural Life Brought to the Dore of my Dwelling house and Cut of a Suitable Length for her to Burn"

To "my Son Ephraim Otis .... The Farm whereon he now Dwells in s^d^ Scituate being Two Hundred Acres more or less with the buildings Thereon Together with my Sedge Flatt in marshfield In the north River w^ch^ I bought of marshfield agents."

To "my Daughter mercy her heirs & assigns for Ever all my land in Kingstown in s^d^ County with my Intrest in y^e^ Iron works There Called Seaburys Forge w^th^ its Appurtenances which I bought of David Little Esq"

To "my Daughters Abigail & Sarah Each one ounce of Silver in full of their Portions w^th^ what I have heretofore Given them"

To "the Children of my Daughter Ruth Dec^d^ viz Charles Ruth mercy & Elizabeth Stockbridge one ounce of Silver which with what I Gave s^d^ Ruth their mother in her life time, I Recon a full portion out of my Estate"

"Whereas my Daughter Pricilla Dec^d^ was in my Debt" £300 "old Tenor & she has Disposed of her Estate and made Doc^r^ Benj^a^ Stockbridge her Exc^r^ & ordered him to pay her Just Debts my mind is That my Exc^r^ shall make no Demand of him for That Same."

To "my Eldest Son Job Otis The farm whereon I now dwell on both sides of the Road being about Sixty Acres with y^e^ buildings & my Three acres at Bucks field & my seven acres of Salt marsh on y^e^ East & west side of Damons Creek next the beach, also my Thirty acres of wood land & Ceder Swamp near y^e^ mill Brook, also about Sixty acres of upland & meadow which I bought of will^m^ Tickner & others Joyning to Scituate Harbour, Also About one Hundred acres of land which I bought of Tho^s^ Clarke & others with y^e^ Buildings on both Sides y^e^ way at a place Called the Clay pits Together with all y^e^ Rest of my Estate both Real & personall"

"s^d^ Job shall maintain Mary Dudson one half her time During life & s^d^ Ephraim y^e^ other If she'l Live with them"

The son Job Otis was appointed sole executor, and ordered "to pay my Just debts Funeral Charges, & s[d] Legasies & perform what is ordered for my s[d] wife .... out of y[e] Estate herein Given him"

The witnesses were Job Neall, Mary Cushing, Jr., and Hannah Cushing. Job Neall and Mary Cushing, Jr., made oath to the will on 13 May, 1760. [The will was also recorded, 15 : 560.]

[From original letter] On 13 May, 1760, administration was granted to Job Otis of Scituate, yeoman. [The letter was also recorded, 15 : 562.]

[From original bond] On 24 May, 1760, Job Otis, as executor, with Ensign Otis and Ignatius Otis, as sureties, all yeomen of Scituate, gave bond for £2000. The witnesses were Jonathan Fish and Elisha Lapham. [The bond was also recorded, 15 : 563.]

ABIEL SMITH'S WILL

By the Editor

Abiel Smith of Boston, Mass., who married Lydia Otis[6] (*Ephraim*[5], *Mercy Little*[4], *Ephraim*[3], *Anna*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), of Scituate, Mass., died without issue, and his will contained bequests to relatives of his deceased wife, and to his own relatives, also interesting public bequests.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will and all other records relating to the settlement of the estate, found in the Suffolk County, Mass., Registry of Probate.

This article is printed at the expense of Miss Mary Rivers, of Milton, Mass., a granddaughter of Barney Smith's daughter Lydia, who, as stated in the will, was named for her aunt, Lydia (Otis) Smith, wife of the testator. Miss Rivers has also paid the expense of printing, in this issue, the wills of Job Otis and his daughter Priscilla.

Miss Rivers was one of the incorporators of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and is a life member.

Abiel Smith's original will is not now in the probate files, only the original cover, as shown by the endorsement, being preserved.

The reference to the record, or to the original document on file, is noted with each abstract.

[Abiel Smith's Will]

[113 : 559] On 6 October, 1814, "Abiel Smith of Boston .... Esquire" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

"In the first part I give to Doctor Ephraim Otis of Scituate" $6000, "to be equally divided between his six children after his decease, except his son George A. Otis"

To "the heirs of Mary Lincoln of Hingham late deceased" $4000.

To "Susannah Haliburton wife of William Haliburton Esquire of Windsor Nova Scotia" $5000, "to be equally divided after her decease between her son William Hearsey Otis and her Daughter Abigail Fales"

"I also give said William Hearsey Otis" $1000.

To "the heirs of Rachael Dewolf of Windsor Nova Scotia" $4000.

To "Priscilla Clap of Scituate" $4000, "to be divided after her decease between her son Otis Allen, and daughters Priscilla and Nancy equally."

To "Nancy Wheeler wife of Daniel G. Wheeler of Worsester" $500.

To "Fanny Clap now living with me" $2000.

To "the sister of my late Wife Ruth Otis" $2000.

To "Abigail Otis sister of my late Wife the use during her life of" $3000, "the Principal to be divided equally after her decease between her three children Joseph Charles and Abigail"

To "the children of Charles Otis deceased by his second wife" $5000.

"I also bequeath to Samuel Fales of Boston Merchant George A. Otis of Milton Merchant and William A. Fales of Boston, Esquire, to them their survivors survivor and associates in trust for the sole use of Polly Lewis wife of Thomas Lewis of Boston Merchant" $8000, "on the same terms and conditions as several Notes, Mortgages, and a State Bank Certificate were conveyed to said Fales Otis & Fales by an Indenture in three parts, made by and between Thomas Lewis, said Fales, Otis & Fales and said Polly, then Polly Clap, on the twenty third day of November last to wit 1813. That said Polly may at all times during her married life command and control the principal Interest or income thereof to her own Sole use and upon her own Seperate receipt therefor without hinderance of of said Thomas Lewis or any other person, as well principal security . securities . choses in action touching the the same by any last will or Testament, or writing in the nature of a last Will or Testament signed in the

presence of two or more witnesses as though she were sole and unmaried, and in case said Polly should die without having made a last Will and Testament or writing in nature of a last Will and Testament the trustees or associates who may then have and hold said eight thousand dollars in trust or any part or ivestment* or increase thereof are hereby ordered to assign and transfer the same to the heirs at Law of said Polly or in case said Polly should become a widow by the death of said Thomas Lewis Then said trustees and associates are ordered to convey said Eight thousand dollars with every part or increase thereof to said Polly, But if my title should fail to the debt recovered in Judgment of Court against Thomas Lewis late deceased or Thomas Lewis now living, or to the Real Estate set off on Execution from them or either of them then this bequest for the benefit of said Polly is to be null and void."

"These bequests are as an acknowledgment of the Virtuous and industrous habits of my late wife and her mother and continued friendship of her relations."

"In the second part I give to my niece Hannah Cushing" $5000.

To "each of my two Nephews William A. and Stephen Fales" $5000.

To "the heirs of my late Brother Job Smith" $5000.

To "the heirs of my late Brother John Wilsson, Ebenezer & Allen Smith" $21,666.66⅔, "to be equally divided between those of them who shall be living or have left children at the time of my decease. I give this bequest from respect to said heirs and their connections, and not from respect to their Fathers."

To "the children of my sister Sarah Clap" $20,000, "to be equally divided between the living and such as may have left children at the time of my death."

"I give to my Brother Barney Smith the use and improvement of my three Houses situated on the south side of State Street and south of the old State House or Town House in Boston during his life with all their appurtenances to be equally divided between his three children by my late Wifes sister Anna, after his decease in fee forever."

To "George A Otis" $2000.

"And whereas John Marston of Quincy has been friendly towards me, and as I have Real Estate set off to me by Execution on Judgment of Court on Mortgages made to me by Thomas Lewis late of Boston deceased, and by Thomas Lewis & Son both in Boston and Malden subject to defeasance, Now if said

* "investment."

Real Estate should not be redeemed according to Law but be and remain my property I then give to said John Marston one house being one half meaning the southerly half of the Brick Block in Fish Street now Occupied by a Mr Brintnall and a Mr Parker with the shop in front thereof and cellar under the same, but if said Real Estate should be redeemed in behalf of said Lewis by Payment of the debt for which it was mortgaged, I then in lieu of said House give to said John Marston" $5000, "but if my title should fail either to the debt or to the Real Estate thus set off or to any part thereof then this gift or bequest shall be null and void"

"I bequeath to the Selectmen of the Town of Boston for the time being and to their successors in that Office forever, all my thirty shares in the Newbury Port Turnpike all my twenty shares in the second Turnpike Road in New Hampshire, my seventeen and an half shares in the Kennebeck Bridge my five shares in the Bridge across from Tivertown to Rhode Island my five shares in the Springfield Bridge, my share in the Boston Theatre, my share in the Bathing House in Boston with Four thousand dollars in three per cent funded Stock of the United States in Trust for the purposes following and no other, (to wit) that they shall collect and receive the neat income thereon and appropriate and apply the whole income to the maintenance and support of a school or schools under their direction for the instruction of People of colour meaning Africans and their descendants either clear or mixed, in reading, writing and Arithmetic in such place, places & manner as said Selectmen shall deem best, and if said Selectmen shall and do accept this Donation within one year after my decease for said Purposes I then order my Executor to transfer to them all my title to said Property for the Purposes aforesaid"

"And whereas the value of Personal Property is uncertain and fluctuating I order that my Executor may Pay the bequest herein made to the heirs of my late Brother John Wilson Ebenezer and Allen Smith in the Stocks of the Union Insurance Company in Boston or in the six per cent funded Stocks of the United States at par .... which shall then be due or held by me"

"I give Barney Smith my Tomb."

To "James Williams Esquire of Taunton" $500.

To "Peter Phelps who formerly lived with me" $1500.

To "Hannah Wright who has lived with me" $400.

"I also order that any gift or bequest herein made in dollars may be paid by my Executor in the three per cent funded Stock of the United States at the rate of forty percent discount on

said Stock .... or in the six per Cent Stock or Stocks of the United States which promises six percent Interest at Par .... or in my stock in any Bank at Par."

"I give to the Harvard University at Cambridge the nominal sum of" $20,000, "in the three per cent funded Stock of the United States as a fund the interest or income thereof to be appropriated to the maintenance and support of a Teacher or Professor of the French or French and Spanish Languages at said University either singly or in company with any other fund which may be given or appropriated to the same Purpose."

"I give to Lydia Smith, daughter of my Brother Barney Smith the nominal sum of Twenty thousand dollars in the three per cent funded Stock of the United States in compliment to her name she having been named for my late dear wife by her consent recommending it to her in case of her future Marriage to secure it to herself by the best legal advice"

"My bequest to Hannah Wright I give to her as Hannah Tailor she having married a man by the name of Tailor since I began this Instrument"

"And if my Estate should be sufficient at the time of my decease, I give to the Harvard University at Cambridge the further sum of" $10,000, "to be used as a fund for the same purposes as prescribed in my bequest heretofore made in this instrument to said University."

"All the Residue of my Estate I give to my brother Barney Smith and I hereby appoint my Brother Barney Smith Executor to this my last Will and Testament"

The witnesses were Hubbard Oliver, Nathan Leech and William Endicott.

The will was presented for probate, at Boston, on 27 November, 1815, by Barney Smith, Executor, and allowed on the oaths of the three witnesses, and administration was granted to "Barney Smith of Milton .... Merchant Executor" [There is a duplicate record of the letter, 246 : 228.]

[From original bond] On 27 November, 1815, Barney Smith, merchant, of Milton, as executor, with George A. Otis, merchant, of Boston, as surety, gave a bond of $200,000. The witnesses were Catherine Meagher and M. Willis. [The bond was also recorded, 255 : 26.]

[From original] On 10 June, 1816, Barney Smith, executor, made oath that on 29 November, 1815, he posted notice of his appointment as executor, and that he had inserted a notice in "the New England Palladium & Commercial Advertiser printed at said Boston" [Also recorded, 311 : 57.]

[From original petition] On 8 February, 1830, Henry B. Smith, Esq., of Boston, "by his Att'y Norman Seaver", petitioned the Court to grant him administration de bonis non on the estate of Abiel Smith, the executor, Barney Smith, "late of Milton .... gentleman", having died without completing his administration.

The petition was granted, and Henry B. Smith was appointed adminstrator de bonis non, on 22 February, 1830. [The petition was recorded, 128 : 210.]

[From original] On 8 February, 1830, Henry B. Smith, Esq., of Boston, was ordered by the Court to give public notice of his appointment as administrator de bonis non, in the Boston Daily Advertiser.

On 8 March, 1830, Henry B. Smith made oath that he had given notice of his appointment as ordered. [Order of notice was recorded, 181 : 118.]

[From original bond] On 8 March, 1830, Henry B. Smith, Esq., as administrator de bonis non, with Ann Smith, widow, and George A. Otis, Jr., Esq., as sureties, all three of Boston, gave a bond for $5000. The witnesses were B. S. Otis and Jane Hudson. [The bond was recorded, 260 : 106.]

[197 : 23] On 8 March, 1830, letter of administration was issued to "Henry B. Smith of Boston .... Esqr." and he was ordered to advertise his appointment in the New England Palladium and the Commercial Advertiser.

THE ESTATE OF WRESTLING³ BREWSTER AND HIS SON WRESTLING'S WILL

By the Editor

Wrestling³ Brewster (*Love²*, *William¹*), of Duxbury, Mass., married Mary ———, whose surname has not been found. They had eight children: Mary⁴ Brewster, married Joseph Holmes; Sarah⁴ Brewster, married Caleb Stetson; Abigail⁴ Brewster, married Elisha Stetson; Hannah⁴ Brewster, married Benjamin³ Alden (*David²*, *John¹*); Elizabeth⁴ Brewster, married Ephraim³ Bradford (*William²⁻¹*); Jonathan⁴ Brewster, married Mary Partridge; Wrestling⁴ Brewster, married Hannah Thomas; John⁴ Brewster, married Rebecca⁵ Bradford (*John⁴⁻³*, *William²⁻¹*).

Wrestling[3] Brewster died at Duxbury, 1 January, 1696/7, and his widow married, at Duxbury, 23 May, 1700, John Partridge, by whom she had two more children: Benjamin Partridge and Isaac Partridge. John Partridge died at Duxbury, 5 April, 1731, in his 73d year, and his widow, Mary (——) (Brewster) Partridge, died at Kingston, Mass., 12 November, 1742, aged 80 years, 11 months, 27 days.

No record of the births of Wrestling[3] Brewster's children has been found, and none are mentioned in the probate proceedings relating to his estate. Fortunately, a deed dated 3 October, 1707, and recorded at Plymouth, enables us to identify the children.

Wrestling[4] Brewster married Hannah Thomas and had seven children, recorded at Kingston, Mass.: Wrestling[5] Brewster; Isaac[5] Brewster; Thomas[5] Brewster; Elijah[5] Brewster; Elisha[5] Brewster; Hannah[5] Brewster; Mary[5] Brewster.

Wrestling[4] Brewster died at Kingston, 1 January, 1767, and his widow Hannah died there, 20 August, 1788.

We here present exhaustive abstracts of all records relating to the estates of Wrestling[3] Brewster and his son Wrestling[4] Brewster, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, and of the deed which identifies the children of Wrestling[3] Brewster.

This article is printed at the expense of Mr. Clarence W. Stetson, of Newton Centre, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who is a descendant of Wrestling[3] Brewster in two lines, one through the son Wrestling[4] Brewster, the other through the daughter Abigail[4] Brewster, who married Elisha Stetson.

The reference to the record, or the original document on file, is noted with each of the following abstracts.

[Wrestling[3] Brewster's Estate]

[From original inventory] "An inventory of the estate of Wrastling Bruster of Duxborough Decesed January the first $169\frac{6}{7}$ taken by us whose names are underwriten this 15th day of January $169\frac{6}{7}$"

The only real estate was: "housing and lands" £150. The appraisers were "edward southworth" and John Sprague.

"Mary Brewster Relict & widdow of ye above named Wrestling Brewster deceased and administratrix" made oath to the inventory, before William Bradford, Esq., Judge of Probate, on 2 February, 1696/7. [The inventory was also recorded, 1 : 254.]

[Plym. Co. Prob., 1 : 253] On 2 February, 1696/7, "Mary Brewster Relict and widdow of Wrestling Brewster late of Duxborough .... Carpenter Deceased Intestate" was appointed administratrix, by William Bradford, Judge of Probate.

[From original bond] On 2 February, 1696/7, the widow, Mary Brewster, as administratrix, with "m^r Edward Southworth" and John Sprague, as sureties, all three being of Duxbury, gave a bond of £200. Mary Brewster signed by a mark. The sureties signed "edward southworth" and "John Sprague". The witnesses were: "thomas perry" and "William Perrey".

[Children of Wrestling³ Brewster]

[Plymouth Co. Deeds, 10 : 2 : 244] On 3 October, 1707, "Joseph Holmes of Plymouth .... & Mary his Wife Caleb Stetson & Sarah his Wife Abigail Brewster Hannah Brewster & Elizabeth Brewster all of Duxborough .... Sons in Law & Daughters of Wrestling Brewster late of Duxborough afores^d Deceased Send Greeting &c .... whereas our Hon^d Father Wrestling Brewster abovenamed .... at the time of his Death Stood Seized .... of Sundry Lands & Housing within the Township of Duxborough afores^d that is to Say more Particularly of & in one messuage Or Tenem^t w^ch He Purchased of John Rogers Sometime of Duxborough afores^d And also a Small Parcell of marsh w^ch He Purchased of Caleb Cooke of Plymouth afores^d lying at or near a Place called Pine Point . Also one other messuage or Tenem^t lying in Duxborough afores^d Which He Purchased of John Dotey as by Deeds of Feofment Doth .... Appear with the Several Boundaryes .... Wherefore further Know Ye that in Consideration of the Goods & Chattels which the s^d Deceased was Possessed of at the time of [p. 245] of his Decease that is to Say so much thereof as of Right Doth or May appertain unto our Brethren y^e Sons of the s^d Deceased namely Jonathan Brewster Wrestling Brewster & John Brewster Wę Say on y^e s^d Consideration We Do .... by these Presents Confirm unto our s^d Brethren .... all our & Each of our .... Interest That We have or ought to Have .... in or unto the abovementioned Lands .... with the appur^ces that is to Say .... We Do hereby Grant & Confirm unto the s^d Jonathan our Bro^r All our Right & Title to the Housing & Land abovementioned w^ch was Purchased of the s^d John Rogers with the s^d meadow or marsh at Pine Point .... and in Like manner We Do hereby .... Confirm unto our other two Brethren namely Wrestling Brewster & John Brewster all our Right .... unto the s^d Lands both upland & meadow Purchased as aboves^d of the s^d John Dotey .... and in

Consideration of the Premisses the s[d] Jonathan Wrestling & John Brewster Have Granted .... unto the abovenamed Sisters all their Right [p. 246] .... unto the Goods & Chattels of the s[d] Deceased"

The deed was signed by Joseph Holmes, Mary Holmes, Caleb Stetson, Sarah Stetson, Abigail Brewster, Hannah Brewster, Ephraim Bradford, Elizabeth Bradford (by a mark).

The witnesses were: Israel Bradford; John Partridge; Ephraim Bradford; Elisha Stetson "Finis"*; George Partridge; Thomas Loring.

"Plym[th] Ss. January . y[e] 15[th] 1713— The Within named Joseph Holmes & Mary his Wife Caleb Stetson & Sarah his Wife Abigail Brewster now the Wife of Elisha Stetson Ephraim Bradford & Elizabeth his Wife and Hannah Brewster now the Wife of Benjamin Alden all Sons in Law & Daughters to the within named Wrestling Brewster Deceased personally appeared & acknowledged the Within written Instrum[t] to be their act & Deed before me, Seth Arnold Justice of Peace

"Entred . march . 31 . 1714 . Record[d] & Exam[d] ℔ Josiah Cotton Reg[r]"

[Wrestling[4] Brewster's Will]

[Plym. Co. Prob., 19 : 417] On 23 January, 1765, "Wrestling Brewster of Kingston .... gentleman" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Hannah Brewster the whole use & improvement of all my homestead farm with half my dwelling house (only excepting one acre of Land hereaftermentioned that I give to my son Elisha Brewster where his shop now stands,) together with all the whole use & improvement of all my houshold indoor moveable goods or estate the term of time which she shall remain my widdow, & no longer. And my will is that my son Thomas Brewster shall use & improve said homestead farm, all of it, to the shares or halves for his mother my s[d] widdow during s[d] term, and after the term of my said wife's widdowhood is expired, or ended, that then my said indoor, houshold or movable goods is to go to & be divided to & among all my children equally"

To "my eldest son Wrestling Brewster all my lands & meadow that I now have lying in or at a place commonly called Rockynook in said Kingston, with my interest in the pew I have in the meetinghouse . but my will is that my daughter Mary Brewster shall have liberty, & a right to set in said pew with him."

* So recorded.— *Editor.*

To "my second son Isaac Brewster the one half of my land & meadow, that I have lying & being in Duxborough, that I bought of Abiah Wadsworth together with my right in the grist-mill together with my iron-mill, & Smith's shop."

To "my third son Thomas Brewster, the one half of my dwelling house & homestead farm both upland & meadow, with all the profits, privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging after my said widdow has done with it as abovesaid . together with one half of my upland & meadow that I have in Duxborough that bought of Abiah Wadsworth, and all my farming tools & live stock (excepting one acre that I have given of land .... to my son Elisha"

To "my youngest son Elisha Brewster the one half of my dwelling house & one acre of Land whereon his two shops now stand; and likewise" £160 "in lawful money of New Eng^{d}"

To "my daughter Mary Brewster" £200 "in lawful money to be paid in two years after my decease and likewise my said daughter Mary is to, & shall live in my s^{d} son Thomas Brewster's part of the dwelling house, while she remains single"

"if case there should not be found loose or overplus money or other estate not before dispos'd off for to pay off all my aboves^{d} heirs .... their respective legacies, that then each of my said heirs must pay their proportional [p. 418] Parts of the money or estate to make up said legacies among & to them all . But if in case my s^{d} loose or overplus money or other estate .... should hold out & over-run & be more than enough to pay all my just debts & legacies .... that then .... it shall be equally alike divided among all my children".

"son Elisha Brewster" was appointed executor.

The witnesses were John Wadsworth, Jr., Benjamin Thomas and John Wadsworth.

[19 : 418] On 2 February, 1767, the will was presented for probate by Elisha Brewster, the executor, and was probated on the testimony of the three witnesses.

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I GIVE and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BARTLETT[4] OF PLYMOUTH, MASS.

By the Editor

Robert Bartlett[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), of Plymouth, married, first, on 28 December, 1687, his cousin, Sarah Bartlett[4] (*Benjamin*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]), of Duxbury, who died 20 February, 1687/8, two months after her marriage, leaving no issue. He married, second, on 1 April, 1691, Sarah[3] Cooke (*Jacob*[2], *Francis*[1]), of Plymouth.

Robert and Sarah (Cooke) Bartlett had twelve children, all recorded at Plymouth*. These children were: Hannah, married Eleazer Churchill; Thomas, married Abigail Finney and left no issue; John, married, first, Sarah Cobb, and, second, Sarah Gray; an unnamed son, lived only four days; Sarah, married John Finney[4] (*Elizabeth*[3] *Warren, Joseph*[2], *Richard*[1]); James, died unmarried; Joseph, married Sarah Morton[4] (*Martha*[3] *Doty, Thomas*[2], *Edward*[1]); Elizabeth, married Thomas Sears; William, died in infancy (see next paragraph); Ebenezer, married, first, Rebecca Dimond, and, second, Abigail Finney; Robert, married Rebecca Wood[4] (*Susanna*[3] *Howland, Isaac*[2], *John*[1]); Lemuel, married Mary[4] Doty (*Isaac*[3], *John*[2], *Edward*[1]).

William T. Davis, in "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth", overlooking the record of the death of William Bartlett[5] (son of Robert Bartlett[4]), which immediately follows the record of the child's birth, on the Plymouth town records, as shown in our first volume, erroneously states that this William Bartlett[5] married Sarah Foster. [See also "Pilgrim Notes and Queries", 5 : 17–19.]

Robert Bartlett[4] died 3 January, 1718, in his 55th year, according to his gravestone, on Burial Hill, Plymouth. The year of this record must be in new style dating, as the appraisers of his estate were appointed on 6 February, 1717/18, and the inventory was taken on 11 February, 1717/18.

Robert Bartlett's widow, Sarah (Cooke) Bartlett, died 8 February, 1744/5, in her 74th year, according to the record on her gravestone, on Burial Hill. Her death was also entered on the Plymouth town records.

We here present exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents on file, in the Plymouth County, Mass.,

* Mayflower Descendant, 1 : 212.

Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of the estate of Robert Bartlett[4], the reference, to the original document, or to the record, being noted with each abstract.

The original division, which was recorded in the fourth book of the probate records, pages 205–207, is badly worn, consequently, after a careful comparison of the original with the record, it seemed best to use the record in making the copy presented herewith, calling especial attention, in footnotes, to a few cases in which the register of probate made mistakes, or omissions, when recording the division.

This article is printed at the expense of Mr. Herbert B. Turner, of Cambridge, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Robert and Sarah (Cooke) Bartlett, through their son John Bartlett[5] and the latter's first wife, Sarah Cobb.

[Robert Bartlett's Estate]

[From original warrant] On 6 February, 1717/18, "Cap[t] Benjamin Warren Abiel Shirtleife & Francis Adams all of Plimouth" were appointed to appraise the estate of "Robert Bartlet late of Plimouth afores[d] deceased" [The warrant was also recorded, 4 : 91]

[From original inventory] The inventory was taken 11 February, 1717/18, by Benjamin Warren, Abiel Shurtlef, and Francis Adams, and sworn to, by them, on 3 May, 1718. The real estate was as follows: "land lieing att monument Ponds in Plymouth", £355; "Eighty acres where the house is att Double brookes" £260; "land lieing above s[d] Eighty acres of about 165 acres att fullers valey" £165; "one acre of Meadow and one of Swamp South side Ele River" £38; "land and Meadow on the North Side of Ele River" £100; "land by Ele rever bridg" £4; "wood land near Obery" £63; "the homestead and housen thereon" £255; "a point of Beach the North side of wellingsly" £4; "the house and land att town with all the meteriels already provided for finishing the Same with the Mason & Carpinters work as far as is Barganed for allreaddy" £100; "12 Share in the subdevition of the 7[th] great lott" £18; "land and Meadow att agawam" £120; "a Ceader swamp lott" £10; "the Sixth share in the uper Devition of the seventh Great lott" £3. [The inventory was also recorded, 4 : 91.]

[4 : 90] On 3 May, 1718, "Sarah Bartlett & Thomas Bartlet

both of Plymouth" were appointed administrators on the estate of "Robert Bartlet Late of Plymouth .... dyed Intestate"

[From unrecorded original bond] On 3 May, 1718, Sarah Bartlett and Thomas Bartlett, as administrators, with Francis Adams, as surety, all of Plymouth, gave a bond of £200. Sarah Bartlett signed by a mark. The witnesses were Elizabeth Torrey and Thomas Croade.

[4:175] An account of "The widdow of Robert Bartlett deceased" was allowed by Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate, on 30 April, 1719. The estate was indebted to: Richard Cooper, Samuel Bartlett, Ensign James Barnaby, Haviland Torry, Joshua Bramhall, Deacon John Atwood, Deacon John Foster, Job Cushman, Stephen Barnaby, Joseph Michell, Ebenezer Donham, John Barns, "M^r Ephraim Little", James Shurtleff, Simon Lazell, Nathaniel Thomas, Esq., "M^rs Sarah Warren", John Rider, Dr. Caleb Loring, "the Widdow of Edward Michell", Nathaniel Howland, Benjamin Bozworth, John Churchell, Sr., John Churchell, Jr., Josiah Clark, Josiah Donham, William Harlow, Thomas Morton, Jr., Jacob Tinkham, "widdow Hannah Bartlett", Joseph Silvester, Deacon Thomas Clark, Thomas Harlow, "M^r John Murdoch", "M^r John Watson", Thomas Witherell, Nathaniel Jackson, Francis Adams, Elder Thomas Faunce, "M^r Abiel Shurtlef", Capt. Benjamin Warren, John Eastland, "M^r Dolbeare at Boston", Samuel Totman, Eliezer Holmes, Barnabas Churchell, Joseph Faunce, Jr., Joseph Faunce, Sr., John Ellis, William Churchell, Eliezer Donham, Sr., Eliezer Donham, Jr., John Boleten, Jr., "M^rs Elisabeth Barns", Robert Davie, John May, John Holmes.

Debts were due the estate from: Elisha Doty, Ezekiel Cushing, Stephen Churchell, Samuel Kempton, Thomas Clark, Thomas Morton, Sr., John Churchell, Hezekiah Bozworth, Joseph Bartlett, Eliezer Jackson, William Little, Jonathan Barns, John Harlow, John Polden, John Drew, George Morton, Francis Billington, Thomas Clarke, Jr., John Boleten, Sr., Nathan Ward, Benjamin Bartlett.

[From original warrant] On 24 July, 1719, "Cap^t Benjamin Warren Ensigne James Barnaby Abiel Shurtleff John Barns and Francis Adams all of Plymouth" were appointed to divide "all the housing and Land" of "Robert Bartlett Late of Plymouth Afores^d deceased", "(Excepting what was Granted by the Superiour Court to be sold for the payment of his debts) and devide the same into Eleven Equall parts .... so that the same may be Assigned to the Severall Children of the said deceased"

On 24 July, 1719, James Barnaby, Abiel Shurtleff, John Barns and Francis Adams were sworn, and on 19 December, 1719, "Cap[t] Benjamin Warren .... made Oath that the Division of the Lands of Robert Bartlet .... is Justly done" [The warrant was also recorded, 4 : 207]

[4 : 205] "1719* A Division of the Lands of Robert Bartlet Late of Plymouth deceased" was made by Benjamin Warren, James Barnaby, Abiel Shurtleff, John Barns and Francis Adams, as follows:

"First we began Manument ponds, The first Share Begining a heap of stones at the Whale Hole in the range of John Barns's Land; and from thence the Line extends West 11 degrees Northerly 84 Rod to Nathan Hoods Land; and then Southerly by his Land 64 pole to a Stake Numbered . 1 . 2 . w[th] Stones about it Thence thence y[e] line extends west 11 deg: southerly to a forked white oak by y[e] bank mark[d] & numb[d] 1 . 2 Thence northerly by the Bank to the bounds first mentioned, s[d] Lot is about 34 acres.

The Second Lot is bounded by the first Lot Or Share Throughout the whole length, & Rangeth in Breadth from it 51 Rods by the Bank Southerly to White Oak Sapling marked & numbered . 2 . 3 . Standing in a Bottom, Thence the Line extends West 11, degrees Northerly to a Great red oak tree marked on four sides Standing near fresh pond And then Northerly by fresh pond til it Comes to Nathan Hoods Land, and then Northerly by his Land to the bounds of the first Lot, s[d] Lot is about 26 Acres.

The Third Share is bounded . by the Second share Throughout the whole Length, and ranges in Breadth from it 56 Rods . by the Bank Southerly to Bozworths Land, and then westerly by his Land to Fresh pond . and then Northerly by fresh pond til it Comes to Joseph Wannos Land, & then by his land til it Come to the pond again, and then by the pond til it Comes to the bounds of the Second Lot or Share s[d] Share is about 60 Acres; Also a Bit of Meadow on the West Side of Eel-River & bounded as follows, Begining at a red oak marked in the range of Joseph Warren range, Thence the Line extends North 14 deg. easterly 9 Rods to a Stake, & thence east 14 degrees Southerly to the River, and thence Southerly by the river til it Comes to Warrens range, & then by his Range to the bounds first mentioned & is about 50 Rod—

* No other date was given for this division. It was made between 24 July, 1719, and 19 December, 1719, as shown by the warrant.

[p. 206] The 4th Share is the 20 acres at Double Brooks, 4 Aded on the South Side thereof a White oak Stump, Southerly Twenty rods to a heap of Stones, and thence East half a point Southerly to a forked red Oak marked & numbered 4 . 5 . & So to the brooke & then by the Brook to the Old [20 akers*] sd Lot or Share is about Twenty four acres with half an Acre of meadow & half an Acre of Swamp On the South side of the River.

The fifth share is bounded by the fourth Share On the North side begining at a heap of Stones near Robert Finneys House, Thence South west 3 degrees westerly 58 Rod to a Stake marked & Numbered 5 . 6 . with Stones about it, and from thence South-east 3 deg: Southerly to a pine tree marked 5 . 6 by the Brooke, Then easterly & Northerly by the Brook til it Comes to the bounds of the fourth Lot . sd Share is about 33 Acres; Also half an acre of Meadow & half an Acre of Swamp on the Southerly side of the River.

6th Share bounded by the 5th Share on the North side & rangeth in Breadth from it South & by West 97 Rods to a Stake and Numbered 6 . 7 . Thence East by a Range of Marked trees tils it Comes to a pine tree marked & Numbered 6 . 7 . by the Brook, Thence Northerly by the Brooke til it Comes to the Bounds of the 5th Share . sd Share is about 65 Acres : As Also a piece of meadow on the west Side of Eelriver Bounded as follows, Begining at a Great Rock by the River, Thence South-west by the fence til it Comes to the upland, Then Southeasterly by the Upland about 14 Rod to a Stake & heap of stones, Thence East 3 deg: Southerly to a Stake by the river, and [then†] by the River to the Rock first Mentioned, & is about an Acre.

The 7th Share is bounded on the North side by the 6th Share, & Ranges in Breadth from it South and by west 53 . Rod to a pine tree marked on 4 sides, Thence south 52 Rod to a White oak marked On 4 Sides, and thence east 64 Rods to a red oak marked on 4 Sides, Thence North 24 . rod to a red oak marked on 4 Sides, & thence east 40 rod to a red oak marked on 3 Sides, and then easterly by Mortons Land til it Comes to a pine tree marked on 4 Sides Thence Northwest & by north til it Comes to the Brooke that Comes Out of Fullers Vally. Then Northerly by the Brook til it Comes to the bounds of the 6th Share . sd Share is about 84 acres Also a piece of meadow On the West

* The words in brackets are in the original division, but were omitted in recording.

† "then" in the original, but incorrectly recorded as "there".

Side of Eel river, Bounded as follows, begining at a Stake which is the North west Corner of a piece belonging to the Third share; Thence North 14 degrees Easterly to the bounds of a piece belonging to the 6th Share, Then by that Share to ye River, Then Southerly by the River til it Comes to the piece Belonging to the 3d Share—and then by that to the bounds first Mentioned, and is in Length by the river 29 Rod & is about an Acre. It is to be Understood that a Little piece of upland that is within the bounds of the meadow that belongs to the 7th Share is to belong to meadow of 6th & 7th Share for Conveniency of Stacking their Hay.

The 8th Share at Wellensly and bound as followēth, Begining at the easterly Corner with a Stake in the range of Eliezer Churchells Land, and thence 4 Rod & a half & three feet [westarly*] to a Stake Numbered 8.9. and from thence South 21 : deg: Westerly to a stake by the house Numbered 8.9.& the Same Course to a High way, & then easterly to Churchells Land, and Then North 21 deg: Easterly to the bounds first mentioned . Also a piece at Obery Bounded as followeth & is ye 3d parcell there, Begining at a red [oak†] Marked On 4 Sides by the way, Thence southerly by the way 26 Rod to a Stake & heap of Stones, which is the Southwest Corner of the Old Lot, Thence South east 10 degrees easterly til it Comes to heap of Stones which is the Southeast Corner of the Old Lot, Thence Northeast 10 deg: Northerly to a Small red oak marked On 4 Sides, Thence Northwest 10 deg: Westerly to the bounds first mentioned; Also a piece of Sedge at Wellingsly bounded as followeth—Begining at High water mark a flat Rock & a Great Stone upon it, & from Thence Northwest 8 degrees Northerly til it Comes to the Crick and then bounded by sd Crick til it Comes to the old Wharfe [p. 207] Wharfe, and then by the old Wharfe til it Comes to the Common Land, and then by the Common Land to the bounds first mentioned.

The 9 Share bounded by the 8th Share on the Easterly side & from a stake Numbered 8.9. Westerly by the Shore Six rod wanting 3 feet to a stake Numbered 9.10. Thence South 26 deg: westerly to another Stake by the Road numbered 9.10. Then Easterly by the Road til it Comes to the bounds of ye 8th Share; Also a piece on the West side of Eel river bounded as follows begining at a red Oak Marked On 4 Sides in Joseph Warrens Range, Thence North 14 deg: easterly til it Comes to a stake

* "westarly" was omitted in recording.

† "oak" was omitted in recording.

on the South side of a little Crick, and then bounded by the meadow belonging to the Sixth Share til it Comes to a great Rock by the River, Then Northerly by the River it Comes to a stake & heap of Stones in the range of Joseph Warrens Land, Then Westerly by his Land til it Comes to Elder Faunces Land, Then Southerly by his Land til it Comes to Warrens Land again, Then by his Easterly to the bounds first mentioned, the Owners of the meadow below to have liberty of Carting through s^{d} Land.

The 10th Share bounded by the 9th Share on the Easterly side begining at a stake by the Bay Numbered 9 . 10 . Thence westerly by the Bay to the Common Land, Then Southerly by the Common Land til it Comes to a Rock; the Southerly Corner Bounds of the Common Lands, Thence Northwesterly by the Common til it Comes to flat Rock & a Great stone upon it at High water mark being 5 Rod & a half & 3 feet, Thence Northwest 8 deg: northerly to the Crick, and then bounded by the Crick til it Comes to the fence, and then Southeasterly by the fence til it Comes to the bounds of the 9th Share Also a piece of Land at Obery & bounded as follows . [is*] The middlemost parcell begining at a Stake and heap of Stones by the way, Thence Southerly by the way 26 Rod to a red oak marked On 4 Sides by the way & is the bounds of a parcell belong to the eighth Share, Thence South east 10 deg: easterly til it Comes to a Small red oak marked on 4 Sides, Thence North east 10 deg: Northerly 26 Rod to a Stake & heap of stones in a Bottom, Thence Northwest 10 deg: westerly to the bounds first mentioned.

The 11 Share is the House & Land at Town, Also a piece of Land at Obery & Bounded as follows, Begining at a heap of Stones which is the North Corner Bounds the Old Lot, Thence Southerly by the way 22 Rod to a stake & heap of Stones by the way which is the North Corner Bounds of a parcell Belong to the 10th Share, & from thence Southeast 10 deg: easterly to a Stake & heap of Stones in a Bottom; Thence Northeast 12 deg: east to the east Corner of the old Lot which is a Stake & heap of Stones, Thence North west 10 deg: Westerly to the bounds first mentioned.

The first Share to have the meadow ground on the North side of Wellingsly . all that he bought [of] the Town there. The 2^{d} Share to have the Small Lot at the School house at Eel River."

[4 : 220–222] On 22 April, 1720, Sarah Bartlett, the widow, was appointed guardian of her sons Robert and Lemuel, both under fourteen years of age, and was chosen guardian by her son James, over fourteen but under twenty-one years old.

* "is" was omitted in recording.

On the same day, Thomas Clarke, Jr., of Plymouth, was chosen guardian by Joseph Bartlett, a minor over fourteen years of age, and was appointed guardian of Elizabeth Bartlett, under fourteen, children of Robert Bartlett, deceased.

On 24 June, 1720, Ebenezer Holmes, Sr., was appointed guardian of Ebenezer Bartlett, under fourteen years of age, son of Robert Bartlett, deceased.

The three original letters of guardianship, issued to Thomas Clarke, Jr., and Ebenezer Holmes, Sr., are in the files.

The six original bonds of the guardians are in the files. The widow Sarah Bartlett signed her three bonds by marks. Abiel Shurtlef was the surety on each of the six bonds, and Thomas Croade witnessed all of them. David Turner witnessed the three bonds of the widow, Nathaniel Donham the two bonds of Thomas Clarke, Jr., and George Barrow the bond of Ebenezer Holmes, Sr.

The bond for the son Robert was for £300, the other five were for £250 each.

[8 : 441] "Whereas On y^e^ twenty fourth day of July A. D. 1719. The Hon^ble^ Isaac Winslow Esqr then Judge of the Probate . . . . appointed Benjamin Warren James Barnabey Abiel Shurtleff John Barnes & Francis Adams all of Plymouth . . . . sufficient Freholders to make Division & partition of all the Houseing the Lands whereof Robert Bartlett Late of Plymouth afores^d^ Deceas'd Dyed Seizd of . . . . (Except what y^e^ Sup^r^ Court Order'd to be sold for payment of his Debts) & Divide y^e^ same into Eleven Equall parts or shares Quantity & Quality Considered, And afterwards S^d^ ffreholders made partition of s^d^ Estate Into Eleven Equall parts & made return thereof by Meats & bounds under theire Hands into the Office of the Court of Probate as by the Warrant for Division and theire Returne Recorded in the Registers Office . . . . after which the s^d^ Isaac Winslow Judge of probate in fact assignd to y^e^ Children of y^e^ s^d^ Deceas'd theire severall parts or shares of s^d^ Estate Divided, as afores^d^ viz^t^ To Thomas Bartlett y^e^ Eldest son the 4^th^ & 5^th^ shares, To Elizabeth Bartlet y^e^ first share To Hannah y^e^ second share, To Joseph the third share, To Ebenezer the Sixth share To Sarah the seventh share to Robert y^e^ 8^th^ Share, To James the Ninth share, To Lemuel the 10^th^ share & To John the Eleventh share—And pursuant thereto said Children and theire assignees have ever since held & Enjoyd theire s^d^ Shares in Severalty without any Molestation, But so it happened That the Assignem^t^ of y^e^ several shares afores^d^ was Mislay^d^ or lost & not Recorded, and the Children of s^d^ Deceasd and theire Assignees Haveing made Application to me for y^e^ Confirmation of y^e^

severall shares aforesaid to the Children of the s[d] Deceasd and theire assignees so y[t] they may Enjoy theire severall shares quietly for y[e] Future Wherefore, I doe hereby assign & Confirm unto s[d] Children & theire Several Assigns theire Severall and respective parts and Shares before mention'd to hold in Severalty for Ever hereafter."

This decree was made 10 March, 1740, by John Cushing, Judge of Probate.

THE WILL OF JOHN BARTLETT[5] OF PLYMOUTH, MASS.

By the Editor

John Bartlett[5] (*Robert*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Mary*[2] *Warren, Richard*[1]) was born at Plymouth, Mass., 13 April, 1696, and died there, 6 February, 1773. He married, first, at Plymouth, 4 April, 1723, Sarah Cobb, who died there, 28 September, 1731. He married, second, "M[rs]" Sarah Gray of Falmouth, their intentions of marriage being entered at Plymouth, 24 August, 1734. The births of eleven of the children were printed in our thirteenth volume.

John and Sarah (Cobb) Bartlett had five children recorded at Plymouth: Jerusha Bartlett[6], died young; Sarah Bartlett[6], married Thomas Faunce; Hannah Bartlett[6], married Stephen[4] Doten (*Elisha*[3], *John*[2], *Edward*[1]); an unnamed daughter, lived eleven days; Mary Bartlett[6], died young.

John and Sarah (Gray) Bartlett had eight children, of whom six were recorded at Plymouth, and two more are named in their father's will. The eight children were: Jerusha Bartlett[6] (second of the name), married George Peckham; John Bartlett[6], married Dorothy Carver; Jenney Bartlett[6], died young; Lewis Bartlett[6], died without issue, before his father; Abigail Bartlett[6]; Maria Bartlett[6], married Richard Babb; George Bartlett[6]; Charles Bartlett[6].

John Bartlett[5], of Plymouth, made his will 14 November, 1772, and it was probated 1 March, 1773. We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will and all records relating to the settlement of his estate, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate. The proper reference, to the original document or the record, is noted with each abstract.

This article has been prepared at the expense of Mrs. Micajah P. Clough, of Lynn, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of John and Sarah (Cobb) Bartlett, through their daughter Hannah Bartlett[5], who married Stephen[4] Doten (*Elisha[3], John[2], Edward[1]*). Mrs. Clough contributed also the expense of preserving the records of the estates of Elisha[4] Doten and his sons, James[4] Doten and Stephen[4] Doten, which were printed in the October, 1917, issue of The Mayflower Descendant.

[The Will of John Bartlett[5]]

[21 : 232] "John Bartlett of Plymouth .... innholder" made his will, 14 November, 1772. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Sarah all the articles of houshold goods which she brought with her at our marriage. And whereas by a certain contract made at the time of our marriage I agreed with her .... that she should possess & enjoy one of the rooms in my dwelling-house during her widowhood, and she having chosen the southeast chamber in my said house comonly known by the name of the shop-chamber I give .... her .... the use .... of the said shop-chamber, with the privilege of passing to & from said chamber, either down the front stairs, or thro' the back-chamber down the back-stairs to the kitchen, as she may think it convenient. Also a privilege in the kitchen, yard, & well . also the use of six chairs now in the chamber . all during the time that she remains my widow."

To "my sons John & Charles their heirs & assigns forever, the house in which I now dwell with the land adjoining, together with the barn thereon standing, with all the privileges & apurtenances unto the same belonging, towit, one moiety or half part of said house & land with the apurtenances, ... unto him the said John Bartlett .... and the other moiety or half part .... to him the said Charles Bartlett .... And whereas my last-named son Charles will not arrive to the age of twenty one years till the year of our Lord 1780 .... my son John shall improve the whole of said lands & buildings during the minority of said Charles, and in consideration therefor he shall pay unto his other brother George" £3, lawful money, yearly, "until the aforesaid Charles shall arrive at full age"

To "my son George Bartlett" £3, "annually to be paid him by my son John, until my said son Charles arrive at full age . And .... if my son Charles shou'd dye before he arrive to the age of twenty one years .... my said son George shall have the one moiety or half part of my house & land .... bequeathed to him the said Charles" "I also give .... son George the one half part of a certain house-lot with the buildings thereon standing, and about four acres of land adjoining situate at a place called Eel-river, which house & land was purchased by my brother Joseph Bartlet & myself, equally between us" also £40, lawful money, "out of my estate which I have not disposed off in this my last will, (if so much shall be remaining after my just debts, & funeral charges, & the charge of setling my estate are first paid."

To "my daughter Abigail one bed and furniture which she shall chuse . also a high chest of draws which was her mother's . also one chamber table which was her mother's."

To "my three sons John, George, & Charles all my wearing aparel, my arms & amunition, to be equally divided between them."

To "my wife Sarah the use & improvement of my largest watch during the time she remains my widow . also the privilege of a seat in my pew in the meeting house."

To "my eight children towit Sarah Faunce, Hannah Doten, Jerusha Peckham, John Bartlet, Abigail Bartlett, Maria Babb, George Bartlet & Charles Bartlett, one feather bed & one silver spoon each"

"I do hereby constitute .... my son John Bartlett sole executor .... and I do hereby order & direct my said executor to sell & dispose of my two wood lots, and my meadow at Saquash for the payment of my debts & charges and the legacies in this my will given."

"All the rest & residue of my estate real, personal or mix'd after my debts, charges, & the legacies .... are paid; I do hereby give .... to my said five daughters Sarah, Hannah, Jerusha, Abigail, & Maria, to be equally divided between them."

The will was witnessed by John Russell, Thomas Wethrell and Edward Winslow, Jr.

The will "was presented for probate by his son John Bartlett the executor" on 1 March, 1773, and approved on the oaths of Edward Winslow, Jr., and Thomas Wethrell, two of the witnesses.

[p. 234] Thomas Foster, Thomas Matthew and Edward Winslow, Jr., were appointed appraisers 1 March, 1773, and they took the inventory 5 March, 1773. The real estate was: "Dwelling-house & land & all the outhousing" £450; "The woodlot containing about 21 acres" £50, 16s.; "The 10 acres wood lot bo't of Thomas Faunce" £30; "Salt-meadow at Saquash apraiz[d] by information" £40; "Half the dwelling-house & ½ of about 4 acres of land at Eel-river in partnership with dea: Joseph Bartlett" £15. A "Pew in the meeting-house first precinct" was appraised at £20.

Other interesting items are: "1 old watch" £2, 2s.; "1 large watch" £3, 6s.; a barrel with a quantity of "doctor-Stephens-water" £1, 4s.; "Violet, the negro-woman" £10; "Allex a negro-boy aged 8 years" £33, 6s., 8d.; "Jem: aged 6 y[rs]" £26, 13s., 4d. The total amount of the inventory was £823, 5s., 4d.

The inventory was sworn to, by the appraisers, on 27 March, 1773, and by the executor, on 4 May, 1773.

[From original] On 21 August, 1773, "Charles Bartlett a minor above fourteen years of age son of John Bartlett late of Plymouth .... inn-holder dec[d]" chose "Thomas Matthew of the same Plymouth merchant" as his guardian, and the choice was approved, 24 August, 1773. [Also recorded, 22 : 151.]

[From unrecorded bond] On 24 August, 1773, Thomas Matthew, trader, as guardian, with Edward Winslow, Jr., gentleman, and John Watson, gentleman, as sureties, all three of Plymouth, gave a bond for £200. The witnesses were Pelham Winslow and Bartlett LeBaron.

[27 : 524] On 4 January, 1791, "Dorothy Bartlett of Plymouth .... widow" (of John Bartlett[6]) was appointed administratrix de bonis non, "his Son John Bartlett* Executor .... dying before he had compleated his Executorship"

[From unrecorded original bond] On 4 January, 1791, Dorothy Bartlett, widow, as administratrix de bonis non, with Joshua Thomas, Esq., and Thomas Matthew, yeoman, as sureties, all of Plymouth, gave a bond for £200. The witnesses were Isaac Lothrop and Ephraim Spooner.

[From original division] On 29 September, 1791, Sylvanus Bartlett, Ephraim Spooner and Joshua Thomas, having been appointed to "divide the Estate M[r] John Bartlett Sen[r] late of

* That is, John Bartlett[6], who married Dorothy Carver.

Plimouth deceas[d] Gave to his Two Sons John & Charles (both of whom are deceas[d]) into two Equal parts .... Set off to the heirs of the Estate of Said John Bartlett the Southerly half of the dwelling house Viz[t] the southeasterly front room on the lower floor, the beadroom Adjoyning, the middle-room, and the two Southerly Chambers over them, a Priviledge of useing the Ketching and ovin, one half of the Celler that is the southerly half of it to be divided through the middle of it from East to West, the Southerly half the Garrit, to be divided in like manner with one half the front Entery and a priviledge in the Well—we Also Set of to the hirs of said John of the land Adjoyning said house as below—begining at the Southeasterly corner of said house, thence Southerly by the Street thirty one feet to the land of M[r] Thomas Wethrel Thence Westerly by said Wethrells land One hundred & twenty feet to a Stake Set in the Ground—thence Northerly twenty three feet to another Stake—thence on a Strate line Easterly Seventy nine feet to the South west Corner of said house, thence by the house to the bounds first mentioned Together with the buildings thereon"

"Secondly We .... set off to the heirs of Said Charles Bartlett deceas[d] the Northerly half of said House from the middle of the front Entery the whole of said Dwelling house Excepting what is Sett of to M[r] John Bartletts heirs, with liberty to Pass through the middle Room, to, & from the Ketching, The Northerly half of the Celler through the Middle from East to West—the Northerly half the Garrit to be divided in like manner—We also assign to the heirs of said Charles Bartlett the whole of the the Garding and land that belonged to said John Bartlett Sen[r] Deceas[d] to the Northward & Westward of the lands &c Set off to the heirs of M[r] John Bartlett the Younger, as above, Reserveing—liberty for the owners of the Southerly half said house, &c to pass from the Southerly door of the Ketching to the Garden &c as may be needefull, we also direct that the Celler Stairs the front, & back Stares leading up the Chambers & the Stars leading up the Garrit & the Well . Shall be used by the owners of both parts of said house as they please & to be repared equally between them"

The division was sworn to by the three commissioners on 29 October, 1791, and was confirmed by the court the same day. [The division was also recorded, 31 : 459.]

[From original account] "The account of Dorothy Bartlett Administratrix de bonis non .... on the Estate of John Bartlett Sen[r]" was allowed, 29 October, 1791.

Payments had been received from: Ichabod Holmes; John Savery; Samuel Bartlett; "Eben: Wing"; Jeremiah Collings; Japhet Allen; Josiah Carver; Benoni Nicholson, for the "Servant boy James"; Thomas Mayhew, Jr.; Naaman Holbrook, Jr., for "Negro boy Alex[r]"; Isaac Symmes, for ten acres of land sold him 17 June, 1777, £32; Stephen Samson, for "a lott of Salt meadow at Saquish" £26; Thomas Davis.

"The Watch &c return[d] by the Widdow at her 2[nd] marri[d]" was credited at £3, 12s., 8d.

Payments had been made to: Thomas Mathews; Edward Winslow, Jr., Register of Probate; Lemuel Thomas; Thomas Morton; Stephen Samson; Benjamin Warren; Davis & Harlow; Ben. Ryder; William Rider; Thomas Loring; Stephen Doten; Ephraim Cobb; Lanman & Tuffts; Joshua Blackwell; Nathaniel Lothrop; Robert Brown, Jr.; Bildad Arnold; Bartlett LeBaron; Peleg Wadsworth; William Coye; Gideon Bradford; James Drew; "Sarah Bartlett Widd°"; Elijah Snow; "M[rs] Mercy Hedge"; John Chamberlin; Zaccheus Paddock; Joshua Perkins; Jonathan Tillson; William Hall Jackson; Isaac Lothrop, Esq.; Ephraim Spooner; Consider Chase; Barnabas Cobb; Dr. William Thomas; the estate of Sylvanus Bramhal, deceased; Capt. Benjamin Churchill.

"Provisions Used by the Widdow, 2 Chilldren & Servants" £2, 4s., 8d.; "a looking Glass & Table D[d] to Abigail Bartlett as ℔ the Deceas[ds] Will is order[d]" £2, 8s.; "the Watch & Chairs deliv[d] the Widd° as ℔ Will" £3, 18s., 8d.; "a Legacy bequethed George Bartlett ℔ the Will" £40; "1 feather bead & Spoon 3.3.8¼ Household Goods 12.7.1¼ To Thomas Faunces Wife" £15, 10s., 9½d.; "1 feather bead &c. 3.3.8¼ Household Goods 12.7.1¼ To Stephen Dotens Wife" £15, 10s., 9½d.; "1 feather bead . 3.3.8¼[d] Household Goods 12.7.1¼ To George Peckhams wife" £15, 10s., 9½d.; "2 Ditto to Abigail Bartlett" £15, 9s., 8¼d.; "To 1 table & a Glass 1.10. To Sundry household Goods 12,7,1¼ To Abigail Bartlett"; "feather bead . 3.3.8¼ Household Goods . 12.7.1¼ To Richard Babbs wife" £15, 10s., 9½d.; "the Deceas[ds] wareing Apparrill Given to his Sons" £15, 5s., 11d.; "his fire armes & Amunicion Given to Ditto" £2, 4s. [The account was also recorded, 31 : 456.]

THE WILL OF JEREMIAH THOMAS OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

By the Editor

Jeremiah Thomas of Middleborough, Mass., married, first, on 25 February, 1684, Lydia[3] Howland (*John*[2-1]), of Barnstable, who was the mother of all his children. The marriage is not on the Barnstable records, but is found on the Middleborough records, and was printed in our first volume. Lydia was born at Barnstable, 9 January, 1665. She died at Middleborough, 6 July, 1717, "In y^e^ 52^d^ Year of Her Age", according to her gravestone, which was reproduced in our twelfth volume.

Jeremiah Thomas married, second, on 29 April, 1720, Mary Durfe, who was born about 1664, and died 15 November, 1749, at Middleborough.

Unfortunately, the Howland Genealogy, published in New Bedford, Mass., in 1885, confuses two Lydia Howlands, who were first cousins, and assigns each to the husband of the other.

The correct marriages of the two Lydias were as follows:

Lydia[3] Howland (*John*[2], *John*[1]), of Barnstable, married Jeremiah Thomas, of Middleborough, as already stated.

Lydia[3] Howland (*Joseph*[2], *John*[1]), of Plymouth, married Joseph Jenkins, of Barnstable, in October, 1694, and the marriage was recorded at Barnstable.

Jeremiah and Lydia (Howland) Thomas had eleven children, recorded at Middleborough*: Nathaniel, Sarah, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, Mary, Lydia, Thankful, Jedediah, Bethiah, Ebenezer, Priscilla. All of these children were living when their father made his will, 29 September, 1735.

Jeremiah Thomas died 2 February, 1736, in his 77th year, according to his gravestone, which is between the stones of his two wives, in the old cemetery at "The Green", in Middleborough.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will, and of all other records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to his estate, the reference to the record being noted with each abstract.

This article is printed at the expense of Mr. John W. Churchill, of Plymouth, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Jeremiah and Lydia (Howland) Thomas, through their son Jeremiah.

* Mayflower Descendant, 2: 107.

[The Will of Jeremiah Thomas]

[7 : 267] On 29 September, 1735, "Jeremiah Thomas of .... Middleborough" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "Wife Mary Thomas all the Goods She brought to me that was hers before She was married to me and also one Cow which She shall chuse out of my Cows and also twenty Pounds in money ten Pounds to be paid in one Year after my Decease & ten Pounds in two Year after my Decease and also three Pounds a Year .... to be paid Yearly & every Year & also my three Swine & also one Iron Pot & one Iron Kettle and one Iron Skillett & also one Spinning Wheel a foot Wheel & also Liberty to live in my now Dwelling House as long as She lives and also all the Corn both Indian Corn Rie & Wheat or any other Grain that belongeth to me .... And also all the Provisions of all Sorts that shall be in my House .... for her present Support"

To "my Eldest Son Nathaniel Thomas all that Twenty acres of Land that joins to my Homestead that was laid out as an Addition to my Homestead Except Eight acres next joyning to my Homestead upon the East End thereof"

To "my Son Jeremiah Thomas one half of my Lot of Land in the South Purchase so called in the Township of Middleborough"

To "my Son Jedediah Thomas one Half of my Lot of Land in the South Purchase in y^e^ Township of Middleboro"

To "my Daugh Sary Wood" £5.

To "my Daughter Elizabeth Tomson" £5.

To "my Daughter Mary Blush" £5.

To "my Daughter Lydia Hackett" £5.

To "my Daughter Thankfull Cobb" £5.

To "my Daughter Bethiah Chipman" £5.

To "my Daughter Priscilla Thomas one two Year old Heifer the Choice of my two Heifers And also one Bed a Feather Bed Cotton Ticking & also the Bolster & Pillow all of a Sort Cotton Ticking & one Bed Blanket & Coverlid black & yellow"

The executor is to "pay Each of y^e^ Sums abovenamed to Each of my Daughters within three Years after my Decease"

To "my Son Ebenezer Thomas Whom I likewise Constitute .... my sole Executor .... all & Singular my Homestead both Housing & Lands Together with all other of my Lands in .... Middleborough both Upland & Meadow not Mentioned in my Will nor Given by Deeds Together with all my personal Estate both within Doors & out Doors Together with all my just Debts .... He paying all my just Debts Legacies & Funeral Charges"

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Henry Wood, Nathaniel Holmes and Samuel Thomas, all of whom made oath to the will on 7 February, 1736, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

[7 : 268] The will was probated, at Marshfield, on 11 February, 1736, by Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate, and administration granted to Ebenezer Thomas, the executor named therein.

[From unrecorded bond] On 7 February, 1736, Ebenezer Thomas, as executor, with Henry Wood as surety, both of Middleborough, husbandmen, gave a bond for £500. The witnesses were Edward Winslow and Hopestill Oliver.

THE WILL OF MAJ. JOHN³ BRADFORD OF KINGSTON, MASS.

By the Editor

Maj. John³ Bradford (*William*²⁻¹) was born at Plymouth, 20 February, 1652, and died at Kingston, Mass., 8 December, 1736. He married, on 6 January, 1674*, at Plymouth, Mercy³ Warren (*Joseph*², *Richard*¹), who was born in that town, 23 September, 1653, and died at Kingston in March, 1747. The day of the month was not given in the town record of her death, or on her gravestone.

It should be noted that the present town of Kingston, Mass., was a part of Plymouth, until 1726.

Maj. John³ Bradford made his will 2 October, 1732, and it was probated 21 December, 1736. We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will, and of all other records, relating to the settlement of the estate, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate.

This will and the will of Edward Mitchell, also in this issue, have been printed at the expense of Mr. George L. Roberts, of Brookline, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Maj. John³ Bradford, through his daughter Alice, who married, first, Edward Mitchell, and, second, Joshua Hersey.

*Not "5 February", as frequently printed. See Mayflower Descendant, 13 : 205 and 17 : 192.

[Maj. John³ Bradford's Will]

[From original will] On 2 October, 1732, "John Bradford of Kingston .... Gent:" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Marcy Bradford during the time of her widowhood the use & Improvement of One half of my homstead on which I now dwell with One half of the Housing on the Same, as also the Whole proffits & Income of my Interest in the Grist mill & Fulling mill in Kingston with the Use & Improvement of two oxen & two Cows, Together with my best bed & furniture & all my household Goods (Except what I shall herein Otherwise dispose of) and in Case She marry again my will is She Shall have forty pounds paid her out of my movable Estate in Such things as she Shall Chuse"

To "my Grandson Robert Bradford the son of my late son John Bradford deceased .... my Sixty acre Lot on the South Side of the Great Cedar Swamp in the Majors Purchase, as also Twenty acres of Land at the head of my homstead being the Twenty acres that was Michells As also one third of my Lot of Cedar Swamp in the Great Swamp lying on the north Side of S^d^ Swamp as also my Rapier & Belt"

To "my Son Samuel Bradford .... (besides what I have already given him by Deed of Gift) my Lot of Cedar swamp in Colchester Swamp near his now dwelling house in Plimton; as also my Acre of Sedge on the South Side of Jones's River at a place Commonly Called Cap^t^ Howlands point, as also one third part of my abovementioned Lot of Cedar swamp in the Great Swamp & my Cane that I Commonly use"

"Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Allice the wife of Joshua Hearsy of Hingham the Sum of fifty pounds to be paid within one year after the decease of my selfe & wife"

To "my daughter Marcy the widdow of Isaac Cushman Jun^r^ late of Plimton dec^d^" £50, "to be paid within One Year after the decease of my selfe & wife"

To "my daughter Pricilla the wife of Seth Chipman" £50, "to be left in y^e^ hands of my son Samuel to be disposed of for y^e^ Use of my s^d^ daughter & her Children as they Shall have Ocation therefor"

To "my son Samuel Bradford one third part of my whole Interest in a Tract of Land in the Eastern parts of New England Commonly Called Leveretts purchase"

To "my five Grandsons, James Zadock Samuel Eliphalet & William the Sons of my late son William Bradford deceased in Equall Shares .... all my Homestead both upland meadow & or

marsh Land and all my undisposed Land adjoyning extending westward near to William Cooks line with my two acres of Salt meadow & piece of upland in Duxborough near Stonny brooke and my Six acres of meadow in Jones's River meadow, with the housing & Outhousing Standing upon S^d^ homstead Also my Lott of Cedar swamp in Monponsett Swamp at a place Called Jawans, As also my Other third part of my Lot in the Great Cedar swamp & also One third part of my Interest in the afores^d^ Tract of Land Called Leverets purchase Together with all my Carts plows Chains & Other my Utensils for Husbandry . (always Reserving to my said Dear wife the use & Improvement of one half my homstead as before Expressed.)"

To "my afores^d^ Grandson James Bradford my Gun that I Commonly use."

To "my aforenamed three daughters Allice Marcy & Pricilla all the remainder of my movable Estate at my wife's decease or Second marriage to be Equally divided among them"

To "my afores^d^ Son Samuel, my Grandson Robert and my afores^d^ five Grandsons the Sons of my late Son Son William dec^d^ all the Remainder of my Real Estate whatsoever & wheresoever with all my Interest in the afores^d^ mills & housing Land and Utensils thereto belonging. That is to Say two thirds thereof to be Equally divided between my s^d^ Son Samuel & my Grandson Robert & the Other third part thereof to be Equally divided between my Other five Grandsons before named .... Reserving to my said wife the Income in the s^d^ mills as before Expressed"

To "my Grandaughter Hannah Brad[fo]rd the daughter of my s^d^ Son William Bradford (dec^d^)" £20, "in mony to be paid by my Executors hereafter named within one year after the decease of my selfe & wife"

His wife and son Samuel were appointed joint executors, "and in Case of the death of One the Other Sole Executor"

The will was signed "John bradford".

The witnesses were "Benj Samson", "John Breuster" and "Tho^s^ Croade"*, all of whom made oath to the will, 21 December, 1736, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

"The Will of Maj^r^ John Bradford of Kingston" was probated on 21 December, 1736, and administration granted to "Marcy Bradford Widow of y^e^ s^d^ Deceas^d^ & to Samuel Bradford Son of y^e^ s^d^ Deceas^d^" [The will was recorded, 7 : 260. The files contain also a contemporary certified copy of the will and probate.]

* Called "Thomas Croade Esq^r^" when the will was probated.

[7 : 274] "An Inventory of y^e^ Estate of Maj^r^ John Bradford of Kingston" was taken 17 January, 1736/7, by Francis Adams, Gershom Bradford and Joseph Mitchell. No real estate was mentioned. Debts were due the estate from: the estate of Nicholas Davis; Jacob Chipman; Christopher Wadsworth; Nathaniel Croade; Lieut. Samuel Bradford of Plympton. The executors and appraisers made oath to the inventory, 11 March, 1736, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The files contain a contemporary certified copy of the record of the inventory.]

[From unrecorded summons] On 15 February, 1738, "Mercy Bradford of Kingston Widdow : & Samuel Bradford of Plimton Gentleman" the executors, were summonsed to appear at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, at Plymouth, on the first Tuesday of March, 1738, to answer "unto James Bradford of Preston .... in y^e^ Colony of Conecticut housewright" because they had not paid the legacy of £20, although more than a year had elapsed since the death of the testator.

The writ was served on Samuel Bradford, 15 February, 1738, and on Mercy Bradford, 16 February, 1738, by Josiah Sturtevant, Deputy Sheriff.

[From unrecorded bill] John Otis, attorney for the executors, presented a bill of costs against James Bradford, the plaintiff, amounting to £2, 17s., 6d., which was approved by the court. The two defendants, for seven days' attendance of each, charged £1, 8s.

[Plym. Co. Deeds, 27 : 177*] On 17 January,1732/3; "I John Bradford of Kingston .... Gent." for "the Natural Love & affection that I have & bear unto my loving Grand Children the Children of my Loving Son William Bradford deceased .... Have hereby .... Given .... unto my s^d^ Grand Sons James Bradford Zadok Bradford Samuel Bradford Eliphalet Bradford & William Bradford my five Grandsons .... in equal Shares, all my Homestead Lots Upland Meadow & Marshland & all my undisposed Land adjoyning Extending Westward near to Will^m^ Cookes line With my two acres of Salt Meadow & Pieces of Upland in Duxborough near Stony Brook & my Six acres of Meadow in Jones River Meadow With the Housing & out Housing standing upon s^d^ Homestead also my Lot of Cedar Swamp in Monponsett Swamp at a Place called Jawano As also one third Part of my Lot in the Great Cedar Swamp, and also One

* A certified copy of this deed, probably used in connection with the suit brought by James Bradford, of Preston, Ct., is filed with the other papers relating to Maj. John³ Bradford's estate.

third Part of my Interest in the Tract of Land called Leveretts Purchase Together with all my Carts Plows Chains & other my Utensils for Husbandry Always Reserving the Whole Use of y^e^ Above Granted Premises to my Self during my Natural Life : and the Improvement of Half the s^d^ Premises during y^e^ Natural Life of my dear & loving Wife Mercy Bradford : and also I Give unto my Grandson James Bradford my Gun that I commonly use . I do also Give unto my loving Grand Daughter Hannah Bradford the Daughter of my s^d^ Son Will^m^ Deceas^d^ .... twenty Pounds in money to be paid by my Execut^rs^ after y^e^ Decease of my Self & Wife within a Year . And also I do Give unto my five Grandsons abovenamed twenty Pounds apiece in money to be paid by my Execut^rs^ within a Year after my Decease . and more-over I do Give unto my five Grandsons .... after y^e^ Decease of my Self and my Wife One third Part of my Grist Mill and Fulling Mill and the Land that belongs to s^d^ Mills and Housing and also one third Part of all my real Estate that is not particularly Disposed of .... and I do hereby Bind & oblige my Executors or admin^rs^ to pay y^e^ above given Gifts that is Given to my s^d^ Six Grand Children that is to be paid them in Money."

The witnesses were Samuel Foster and Francis Adams.

"Maj^r^ John Bradford Acknowledged y^e^ aforewritten to be his act & Deed" on 24 January, 1732/3, and the deed was recorded the same day.

[Plym. Co. Prob. Records, 10 : 438] "An Inventory of the Estate of Major John Bradford of Kingston left in the hands of his Exec^rs^ and also of all the s^d^ Estate that is unadministred" was taken 27 May, 1747, by Wrestling Brewster, Francis Adams and Elisha Stetson. "Robert Bradford adm^r^ on s^d^ Estate", made oath to the inventory, 14 July, 1747. No real estate was included.

[From original letter] On 1 June, 1747, "Robert Bradford of Kingston .... Gent^m^" was appointed administrator de bonis non, on the estate of "Major John Bradford late of Kingston .... deceasd .... his wife Mercy Bradford & his son Samuel Bradford Joynt Executors" of his will having "also since deceasd and the Executorship not yet Compleated" [The letter was also recorded, 10 : 421.]

[From unrecorded bond] On 1 June, 1747, Robert Bradford, gentleman, as administrator, with Samuel Foster, gentleman, and John Brewster, innholder, as sureties, all being of Kingston, gave a bond of £500. The witnesses were Edward Winslow and Elisha Bradford.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Gifts for the Library and Cabinet

From Mr. Rodney Macdonough: The unsold copies of the "Life of Commodore Thomas Macdonough", written by his grandson, the donor.

From Mr. Edmund P. Collier: "The Genealogies of the Families of Cohasset Massachusetts".

From Mr. Henry D. Coolidge: "A Manual for the use of the General Court* for 1918."

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8 April, 1918.

No. 1537. Mrs. Herbert Charles Bliss, Attleborough, Mass., eighth from Stephen Hopkins.

13 May, 1918.

No. 1538. Mrs. Byron Manley Bennett, Worcester, Mass., ninth from James[1] Chilton, eighth from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1539. Miss Hope Thornton Bennett, Worcester, Mass., tenth from James[1] Chilton, ninth from Mary[2] Chilton.

No. 1540. Miss Doris Ernestine Sleeper, Boston, Mass., tenth from William Bradford.

No. 1541. Miss Minnie Small Seaver, Lexington, Mass., tenth from Richard Warren.

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No. 1542. Walter Marshall Bacon, Boston, Mass., eighth from Richard Warren.

No. 1543. Mrs. William Arsen Courchene, Boston, Mass., ninth from Richard Warren.

No. 1544. George Roberts Walworth, Lynn, Mass., ninth from Isaac[1] Allerton, eighth from Remember[2] Allerton.

10 June, 1918.

No. 1545. Charles French Avery,* Newtonville, Mass., eighth from Richard Warren.

No. 1546. Walter Merriam Pratt,* Chelsea, Mass., tenth from Stephen[1] Hopkins, ninth from Constance[2] Hopkins.

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May, 1918.

No. 1306. Miss Mary E. Davenport, ninth from Richard Warren.

June, 1918.

No. 1167. Mrs. Alfred H. Burnham, ninth from Richard Warren.

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Many members have more than one line of Mayflower Descent which should be filed with the Society, so that their own records may be complete in "The Mayflower Genealogies", on which the Editor has been at work since the organization of the Society, in 1896.

The By-Laws require an additional fee of two dollars ($2.00) for each supplemental line filed.

The Editor will be glad to advise members who desire to file supplemental lines with the Society.

Attest: George Ernest Bowman,
Secretary.

* Life Member.

EDWARD MITCHELL'S WILL

By the Editor

Edward Mitchell[3] (*Jane*[2] *Cooke, Francis*[1]), of Bridgewater, Mass., married, first, Mary Hayward, by whom he had no issue. He married, second, at Plymouth, 26 August, 1708, Alice[4], daughter of Maj. John[3] Bradford (*William*[2-1]), by whom he had three children, born at Bridgewater. These children were: Mary Mitchell[4], born 19 July, 1709, married Joshua Hersey; Alice Mitchell[4], born 23 December, 1714, married Noah Hersey; Edward Mitchell[4], born 7 February, 1715/16, married Elizabeth Cushing.

Edward Mitchell[3] made his will 4 February, 1716/17, and he died 15 March, 1716/17, according to a statement on his inventory. This is the only known record of the date of his death. His widow married, second, Joshua Hersey of Hingham, two of whose sons married her two daughters by her first husband.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will of Edward Mitchell[3] and of all other records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of his estate.

This will and the will of Maj. John[3] Bradford, in this issue, have been printed at the expense of Mr. George L. Roberts, of Brookline, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Edward and Alice (Bradford) Mitchell, through their daughter Alice, who married Noah Hersey.

[Edward Mitchell's Will]

[From original will] On 4 February, 1716/17, "Edward Mitchel of Bridgwater . . . . Gentelman" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Son Edward my homestead wheron now I dwell with all my houseing and out houseing being about Seven Score Acres be it more or less by the known bounds of it" also "a tract of Land Lying on the Easterly Side of a Swamp being part of the swamp Called by the name of Center Swamp being about thirty & five acres more or less as also two Lots each Containing twenty acres more or less lying in a place Called Johns bridge neck"

To "my daughter Mary a parcel of Land Lying on the Easterly Side of nathanil Howards part of which being the house and

homestead that formerly belonged to Samuel howard being in the whole about fifty acres more or less according unto the known bounds thereof"

To "my daughter Alce a certain tract or parcel of Land Lying near to a pond Called Setuckit pond not far from where the Indians now dwell being about an hundred acres of the same more or less"

"my will is that if Either of these my three Children Should be taken away by Death before they arrive to lawfull age or are married that then their part be divided Equaly between the Surviving Children"

To "wife Alce (whom I Constitute .... Sole Executrix of this my last will ....) Several parcels of Land .... the one of them being the Second lot in the third devision being thirty acres more or less the other being twenty acres more or less lying near to the lands of m^r^ Hersy of abbingtown the other being twenty acres Lying upon a plain Called Jonathans plane".

To "my wife and three Children abovesd to be Equaly improved by them all my right in Cedar Swamps at a place Called Punkin bridge and at a place Calld poor medow Cedar Swamp"

To "my wife abovesd all my moveables as also the improvement of all the Lands and houseing abovesd untill my s^d^ Children shall Come to lawfull age as also a Small parcel of Silver money be the Same more or less—as also the fifth part of the Iron works at a place Called Titicut with two small Lots of Land lying near to the Same"

"my wife above named Shall have one room in this my now dwelling house during her natural life if She See Cause and that my Son Edward after he Come to age shall yearly pay unto her the Sum of Ten pounds during her natural life if shee demand the Same"

The will was signed "Edward michell".

The witnesses were Benjamin Allen, Eleazer Carver and Solomon Pratt, all of whom made oath to the will on 24 April, 1717, before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate.

The will was probated, at Plymouth, on 25 April, 1717, by Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate, and administration granted to "Alce Michell sole Executrix". [The will and letter were also recorded, 4 : 17.]

[From original inventory] "An Inventory of the personal Estate of Edward Michell .... of Bridgwater .... Gent^m^ who Dece^d^ the Fifteenth day of March Anno Dom 1716/17", was taken by Josiah Edson, Joseph Hayward, "Nathanael Brett", and Isaac Johnson, on 9 April, 1717. £440, 1s. were due the estate,

£10, 13s., of it being "In Indian Debts". The total amount of the inventory was £833. The value of several additional items was not stated. On 24 April, 1717, "Alce Mitchell Relict widow of Edward Mitchell late of Brigwater dec^{d}" made oath to the inventory, before Nathaniel Thomas, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 4 : 19]

THE WILLS OF JOHN PHINNEY AND HIS SON JOHN

By the Editor

John Phinney of Barnstable, Mass., married, on 16 August, 1664, Mary[3] Rogers (*Joseph*[2], *Thomas*[1]), and had twelve children: John; Melatiah, died young; Joseph; Thomas; Ebenezer; Samuel; Mary, married John Eastland; Mercy, married Eleazer Crocker; Reliance, married John Morton; Benjamin; Jonathan; Hannah, died young.

Amos Otis's "Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families", Volume II, page 225, gives another child: "Elizabeth, baptized May 10, 1691." A careful study of the evidence, however, will convince any one that this is not the baptism of a child of John and Mary (Rogers) Phinney; but the baptism of Elizabeth, the first child of their son John Phinney, by his wife Sarah Lumbart.

The births of the children of John and Mary (Rogers) Phinney, and of the children of John and Sarah (Lumbart) Phinney, all on the Barnstable town records, were printed in our eleventh volume, pages 130–132.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the wills of John Phinney who married Mary[3] Rogers, and their son John Phinney, also of Barnstable, and all other records, in the Barnstable County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the settlement of these two estates.

This article is printed at the expense of Mr. Robert C. Vose, of Brookline, Mass., whose wife is a descendant of John and Sarah (Lumbart) Phinney. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vose are members of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

There are no original papers relating to these estates in the probate files.

[John Phinney's Will—1718]

[3 : 595] "John Phiney of Barnstable .... weaver" made his will on 19 April, 1718. Bequests were as follows:

"after The Decease of my Wife I Give to my Daughter Mary Eastland my best fether Bed and Coverlid & bolster and one pillow."

"all The Rest of my movable Estate I Give Equally to my Three Daughters vis: To Mary Eastland mercy Crocker and Reliance Morton."

"The Remain of of the money Due To me from my son Ebenezer Phiney after my Wives Decease I Give Equally To my Seven sons vs: John Phiney . Joseph, Thomas, Ebenezer, Samuel, Benjamin, & Jonathan Phiney."

"I Do Constitute ... son John Phiney my onely & sole Executor"

The signature was recorded as "John Phinney".

The witnesses were: Moodey Russel, Martha Russel and James Paine. They were all sworn, and the will was probated, at Barnstable, on 18 June, 1719.

[3 : 597] "Barnstable March the 9th 1718/9. This Is The Invantory of ye Estate of John Phiney Senr Late of Barnstable Deceased." No real estate was mentioned. The total amount was £116, 14s. The appraisers were Benjamin Lumbert and Ebenezer Hinckley.

"John Phinney Executor to the Last Will .... of his Father John Phiney Deceasd" made oath to the inventory, at Barnstable, on 17 June, 1719.

[John Phinney's Will—1735]

[6 : 510] "John Phiney of Barnstable" made his will on 29 November, 1735. Bequests were as follows:

To "Wife Sarah ye Profitts or Improvement of all my Land & marsh the great Room In my house where I now Dwell my best bed & furniture belonging to it two Cows and half the fruit of ye Orchard During the time of her Living my Widdow and In Case she should marry again my will is that on my son Jabez paying her twenty pounds she Shall quit all her Right to all my Real Estate."

To "my Son John Phiney the bed and bolster he hath allready Receivd, my Cane and One third part of my Wearing Cloaths having Given him his part of my Lands allready by Deed Executed."

To "my Son Thomas Phiney all my Coopers Tools and one thir d part of my Wearing Cloths he also haveing had allready his part of my Land."

To "my Son Jabez Phiney and to his heirs forever all my Land with the building thereon Reserving to my Wife as abovesaid both Land and Meadow whereever it my Lye I also give and bequeath unto my Said Son Jabez One third part of my Wearing Cloths my arms and all my husbandry Tools and Implements whatsoever Provided he pay to his Mother fifty pounds for her Support if She Shall Call for it while She Lives my Widow"

"my Land at Sandy Neck Shall be held by my three Sons Equally to them and their Heirs forever"

"I Give unto my five Daughters Elisabeth Hannah Sarah Patience and Martha all my Quick Stock not yet Disposed of and all my household stuff as my Wife can Spare it She to have the Improvement of it as she Shall Need it Whilst She Lives my Widow and What She Shall Leave at her Death to be Equaly divided amongst my Daughters Reconing what each One hath already had."

"I appoint my Loving Wife Sarah to be Executrix and my Son Jabez to be Executor to this my Last Will"

The witnesses were Ebenezer Lewis, George Lewis, Jr., and Sarah Lewis.

On 15 January, 1746, at Barnstable, "Ebenezer Lewis Esq^{r} George Lewis & Sarah Lewis" the three witnesses, made oath to the will of "John Phiney Late of Barnstable .... Yeoman deceased", and administration was granted to "Sarah Phiney & Jabez Phiney Executors in the Same will named".

On 15 January, 1746, Simon Davis, John Linel, Jr., and Jesse Lewis, all of Barnstable, were appointed to take an inventory of the estate "of Deacon John Phiney Late of Barnstable aforesaid Yeo^{n} Deceased". The appraisers were sworn, on 11 February, 1746/7, and took the inventory on that date. Rodger Goodspeed was indebted to the estate. "The Real Estate", not described, was valued at £1019, old tenor. The total amount of the inventory was £1405, 12s., 9d., old tenor.

On 11 February, 1746/7, "Jabez Phiney one of the Exec^{rs} .... of Deacon John Phiney" presented the inventory and made oath to it.

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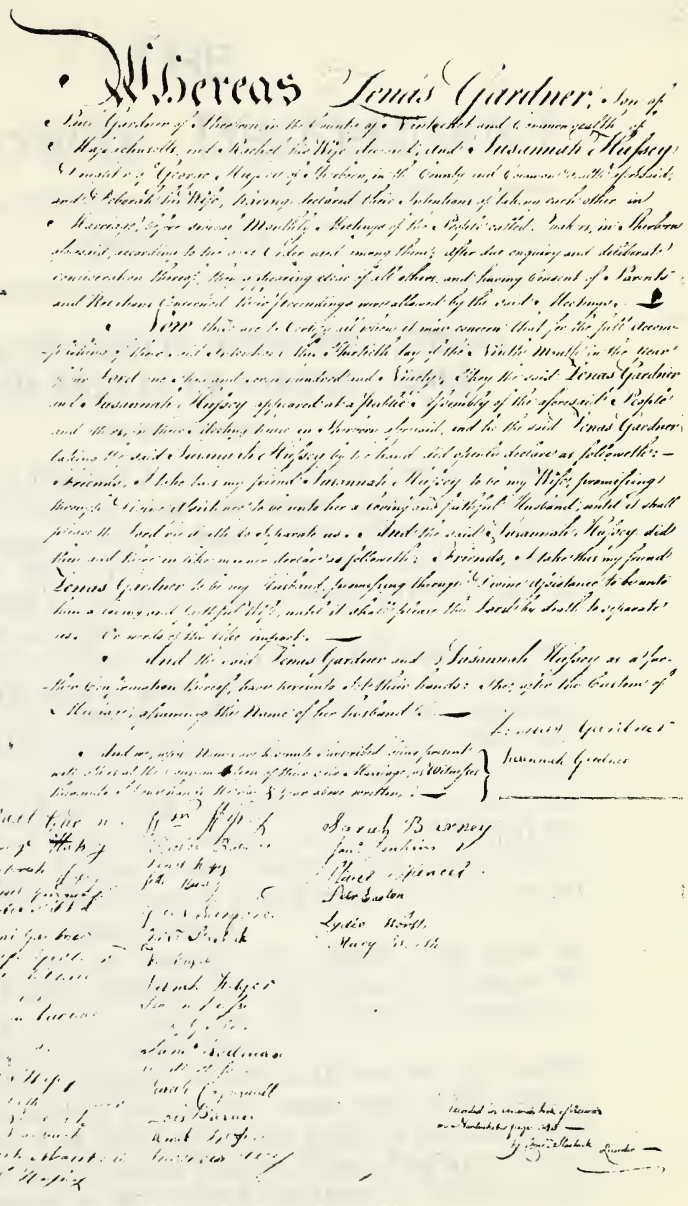

Whereas Zenas Gardner, Son of Benj. Gardner of Sherborn in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Mass. Bachelor, and Rachel his Wife shewing Consent and Susannah Hussey Daughter of George Hussey of Sherborn in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid and Deborah his Wife, having declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, before several Monthly Meetings of the People called Quakers in Sherborn aforesaid, according to the good Order used among them, after due enquiry and deliberate consideration thereof, they obtaining Leave of all others and having Consent of Parents and Brethren Concerned, their Proceedings were allowed by the said Meetings.

Now these are to certify all whom it may concern, That for the full Accomplishment of their said Intentions this Thirtieth day of the Ninth Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety, they the said Zenas Gardner and Susannah Hussey appeared at a Public Assembly of the aforesaid People and the rest of their Invited Friends and Relations then and there present, and he the said Zenas Gardner taking the said Susannah Hussey by the hand did openly declare as follows viz. Friends, I take this my friend Susannah Hussey to be my Wife promising through Divine Assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful Husband, until it shall please the Lord by Death to separate us. And the said Susannah Hussey did then and there in like manner declare as follows viz. Friends, I take this my friend Zenas Gardner to be my Husband promising through Divine Assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful Wife, until it shall please the Lord by Death to separate us. Or words of the like import.

And the said Zenas Gardner and Susannah Hussey as a further Confirmation thereof, have hereunto set their hands: they also the Custom of the Country assuming the Name of her Husband.

Zenas Gardner
Susannah Gardner

And we, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being present at the Solemnization of the said Marriage, & Witnessed the Declarations & Promises aforesaid, have also hereunto set our hands the day & year above written.

Recorded in records book of Sherborn
vol. Northborough page 248
Attest Ezra Mathewson Recorder

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF ZENAS GARDNER AND SUSANNA HUSSEY

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THE WILL OF JOSEPH[4] SOULE OF DUXBURY AND THE ESTATE OF HIS SON JAMES

By the Editor

Joseph[4] Soule (*Joshua*[3], *John*[2], *George*[1]), of Duxbury, Mass., married Mercy Fullerton, and had eleven children: Joshua; Joanna, died young; Sarah; James; Olive; Ezekiel; Salvina, died, unmarried, before her father's will was made; Joanna; William (first child of the name), died young; William (second child of the name); Ruby.

Joseph[4] Soule made his will, 14 July, 1794, and added a codicil, 12 June, 1798. He died 10 June, 1800, in his 78th year, and his widow, Mercy, died 4 December, 1808, in her 86th year, according to the records on their gravestones. Both are buried at Duxbury.

James[5] Soule, of Duxbury, son of Joseph[4] and Mercy (Fullerton) Soule, married the widow Abigail (Seaver) Bosworth and had eight children: Sally, died young; Joseph (first child of the name), died young; Joshua; Joseph (second child of the name); Abigail (first child of the name), died young; Abigail (second child of the name); James; Richard.

James[5] Soule died at Duxbury, 30 August, 1794, aged 48 years, and his widow, Abigail, died 26 August, 1832, aged 88 years, according to the records on the monument erected at Duxbury, by their son Richard[6] Soule.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will of Joseph[4] Soule and of all records and original documents on file relating to the settlement of his estate and of the estate of his son James[5] Soule, found in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate. The reference, to the original document, or to the record, is noted with each abstract.

This article is printed at the expense of Mr. Horace H. Soule, of Boston, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a grandson of Richard[6] Soule (*James[5], Joseph[4], Joshua[3], John[2], George[1]*).

[Joseph[4] Soule's Will]

[From original will] "Joseph Soul of Duxborough" made his will, 14 July, 1794. Bequests were as follows:

To "Wife marcy Soul the Improvement of half my house and half my Inours* movibels and a Cow Kept winter and Summer so Long as She Shall Remain my Widow in Case She maries again She Shall have no more then What the Law alows"

"the other half of my Indours movibels I give to my four Daughters to be Devided Equekely alike"

"I also give Sarah Bartlet a privelige of Living in my house if She please"

To "my Son Joshua and my Son James the balance of their account and an Equel Shear with my other towo Sons Ezekel & will[m] In all the Lands that I own at the Eastward In the township of N. yarmouth"

To "my Son James the one half of my wright of medow in hamer Island"

To "my Son Ezekiel two thirds of my farm Where I now Live and the buldings thereon Exepting one third of my Brn which I give to my Son William and the one third of my farm and the medow to be Devided as the upland Both to be Devided Equel according to Quntity and Quallity the medow that I own in the Salt marsh I give two thirds to my Son Ezekiel and one third to my Son William I give to Ezekiel & W[m] the woodland that I Bought of Joseph Brewster to be Devided alike Betwixt them both I give to my two Sons Ezekiel & W[m] my outdour movibels and my Stock to be Devided Betwin them both"

"After my Debts are paid out of the holl I order my two Sons that hath my farm that they provide Well for their mother in all such things as She Shall Stand in Need of So Long as She Remain my widow"

"my Son Ezekiel Soul" was made sole executor.

The will was signed "joseph Soul". The witnesses were Joseph Henney, "Silvanus Sampson" and Peleg Weston.

* Indoors.

[From original document] On 12 June, 1798, "Joseph Soul, of Duxbury .... yeoman" having made his will on 14 July, 1794, "do Ratify .... Said Last Will .... and Do further Give unto my Two Sons, Ezekiel and Will[m] the medow that I bought of Col[n] Calven Partridge to be Divided betwixt them both as that Medow is Set forth in the will Reference may be had to the Deed for the bounds of Said medow and if Ezekiel & Will[m] be So minded to have that medow I Gave to Son James Decesed they may have the Said medow paying the ares of the Said James" £14. "the True intent and meaning is what I Gave my four Sons at the Eastward is what Remains Due to me after my Decease . I alsow Give to my four Daughters what in Dore Moveables Remains at my Wifes Decese as them Set fourth in the will, Excepting a bead I Reserve for Sarah Bartlett to Improve So Long as She Shall Stay in my house, and I Order my Two Sons that has my farm that they take Care of the above Said Sarah Bartlett."

The codicil was signed "joseph Soul". The witnesses were "Sylvanus Sampson" and Zenith Wadsworth.

[From original letter] On 16 June, 1800, the will and codicil were presented for probate by Ezekiel Soule, the executor, and probated on the oaths of Sylvanus Sampson, Peleg Weston and Zenith Wadsworth, three of the witnesses, and administration granted to said Ezekiel Soule.

[The will, codicil and letter were also recorded, 37 : 254.]

[From unrecorded bond] On 16 June, 1800, Ezekiel Soule, yeoman, as executor, with Sylvanus Sampson and Zenith Wadsworth, as sureties, all three being of Duxbury, gave a bond of $3000.00. The witnesses were Peleg Weston and Isaac Lothrop.

[From original document] On 16 June, 1800, Ezekiel Soule, the executor, was ordered to post a notice of his appointment, in the town of Duxbury, and on 8 July, 1800, he made oath that he had done so on 16 June, 1800. [The notice was also recorded, 37 : 271.]

[37 : 270] On 16 June, 1800, Sylvanus Sampson, Joseph Wadsworth and Nathaniel Hodges, all of Duxbury, yeomen, were directed to take the inventory.

[From original inventory] The three appraisers took the inventory, 1 July, 1800. The total was $3876.87. The real estate was: "wood Land Given To Ezekiel and Will[m] Soul" $200.00; "the Salt Marsh Call[d] Hammer Island" $93.33; "the Salt Marsh Lying at a place Call[d] pine pint on Phillips Creek" $200.00; "the Salt Marsh Lying at a place Call[d] the Skirt" $63.33; "the Home Sted farm & buildings & medow ajoining theirto" $2400.00.

The three appraisers made oath to the inventory, at Duxbury 1 July, 1800, before Perez Bradford, Justice of the Peace; and th executor made oath to it, on 8 July, 1800, before Joshua Thomas Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 37 : 270.]

[From original probate decree] On 11 November, 1800 "Upon the application of the Devisees of Joseph Soule, decesd I hereby decree, that the watch given in the lifetime of said Tes tator, to Marshal Soule, be delivered to him and to William Soul the chest containing the ammunition &c. and to Joshua Soule eighty dollars and the Note to Lot Stetson and the resedue of th money on hand, and the sums due on sundry Notes of hand (ex cepting the sum due by note from W^m^ Wyman) are intestat estate, to be distributed as by law is provided" [The decree wa also recorded, 27 : 356.]

[From original account] On 10 August, 1801, Ezekiel Soul executor, presented an account, which was allowed. Payment had been made to: Perez Bradford, Esq.; "cash paid Sarah prio Olive winsor Joanna Stetson & ruby wadsworth" $115.00; "cas paid the wid. Mercy Soul" $115.00; "paid bildad Warshburn fo grave Stones" $8.00; Robert Cushman; "cash paid th hon^r^ Joshu thomas for Setling the complaint made by the heirs of the Lat Joseph Soul" $4.00; Silvanus Samson; Mr. Lathrop; Stephe Russel; "paid benja bosworth for making a coffin" $2.50; "pai william Soul agr^l^ to apprisment in out Door mo^v^ & Stock $119.33; "paid myself agree^b^ to apprisment in out Do^r^ mov Stock" $119.33; "my mother one cow agr^b^ to apprisment" $15.00 James Glass; Nathaniel Winsor; Benjamin Smith; "cash put b for Joshua Soul agrable to your honours Decree" $80.00; "pai Judah Alden Esq^r^ post master for Letter in office" $0.17; Lo Stetson; "To what remains due for Lands sold at y^e^ Eastwar Given to the four Sons" $43.50. Balance in the hands of th executor, $194.40.

On 21 August, 1801, "an order from the Judge of Probat this day Issued for Distribution of y^e^ above ball^a^ to & among y Heirs as follows—viz.

"Joshua Soule for his share	24.30
Heirs of James Soul deceased his Ditto	24.30
Sarah Prior—Olive Winsor—Joanna Stetson Ruby Wadsworth & William Soule . each 24.30	121.50
allowing to Ezek^l^ Soule y^e^ Excr his share therein	24.30
	$194.40 cts

[This account was also recorded, 37 : 486.]

[From original account] On 9 January, 1808, Ezekiel Soul, the executor, presented and swore to a second account, which was allowed. Payments had been made as follows: to "Joshua Soul as pr Receipt" $377.13; to "Lot Stetson for Jo[a] his wife" $24.30; to "Benj[a] Prior for Sarah his wife" $24.30; to "the heirs of James Soul Dec[d] in full" $35.16; to "Eden Wadsworth for Ruby his wife" $24.30; to "Eden Wadsworth his acc[t] against s[d] Estate Since Settled with Judge Probate" $6.67; to "W[m] Soul in full his Share agr[bl] to Order of Distribution And Land Sold previous at the Eastward" $34.90; probate court charges, $1.25. [This account was also recorded, 42 : 243.]

[James[5] Soule's Estate]

[34 : 20] On "the thirtieth* Day of October", 1794, "Joseph Soule & Ezekiel Soule both of Duxbury .... yeomen" were appointed administrators on the estate of "James Soule Late of said Duxbury mariner deceased".

[From unrecorded bond] On "the twenty* Day of October", 1794, Joseph Soule and Ezekiel Soule, yeomen, of Duxbury, "this day appointed Administrators", with Samuel Loring and Samuel Chandler, gentlemen, of Duxbury, as sureties, gave a bond of £600. The witnesses were Dura Wadsworth and Joshua Soule.

[From unrecorded warrant] On 22 October, 1794, "Samuel Loring, Samuel Chandler and Dura Wadsworth, all of Duxborough .... Gentlemen" were appointed to appraise the estate.

[From original inventory] The three appraisers signed the inventory, which was not dated. The total was £1605, os., 7d. The only real estate was: "the Farm & Buildings" £400. The "Schooner belinda 96 tons" was valued at £950, and "Sloop Phoenix" of 50 tons, at £150.

The inventory was sworn to, 4 December, 1794, by Samuel Loring and Samuel Chandler, and on 11 February, 1795, by the two administrators. [The inventory was also recorded, 35 : 216.]

[From original account] "The Account of Joseph & Ezekiel Souls as Administrators", was signed by "Ezekiel Soul" only, and was sworn to by him and allowed by the probate court, on 17 March, 1800. Payments had been made to: "Will[m] Meniell at boston"; Joseph Ripley; Thomas Stetson; John Cushing; Job Samson; Winslow Thomas; Joseph Huet; Benjamin Crandon; Samuel Chandler; Samuel Loring; Joseph Cushman; Wait Wadsworth; Judah Alden; Eden Wadsworth; John Clark; Ezekiel

* Sic.

Chandler; Zadock Bradford; John Samson; Joseph Berstar; Silvanus Samson; Benjamin Bosworth; Dr. Isaac Winslow; Lot Stetson; Ebenezer Adams; Isaac Drew; Edward Read; Hon. Joshua Thomas; Dr. Zack Bartlett; Isaac Delano; Arthur Howland; Ezra Weston; Samuel Drew; Joshua Winsor; Isaiah Alden; Elijah Samson, Jr.; Andrew Newell; John Codman; Ira Wadsworth; Nathaniel Samson; Joshua Brewster; Stephen Russel; Jotham Loring; "paid to miss ab Soul at Sundry times with other Est" £415, 17s., 1d.; Nathaniel Hodges. [The account was also recorded, 37 : 203.]

[From original account] "The Seccond acct. of Ezek[l] Soul adm[r]" was sworn to and allowed, 9 January, 1808. Payments had been made to Stephen Russel, tax collector; to "Abigail Soul W[d] at Sundry times amnt. to" $416.05; to "Abigail Soul W[d] on Settlement in full &c" $397.64; to "Joshua Joseph & Abigail three of the heirs of the Dc[d] in ful" $856.02; to "James Soul in full" $339.47; to "Richard Soul in full" $351.74. [This account was also recorded, 42 : 245.]

THE WILL OF EDWARD WILCOX[4]

By the Editor

Edward Wilcox[4], son of Daniel Wilcox and his wife Elizabeth[3] Cooke (*John*[2], *Francis*[1]) of Tiverton, R. I., married Sarah Manchester and had four children, Josiah, Ephraim, William and Freelove, all recorded at Tiverton.

Edward Wilcox[4], of Tiverton, made his will 19 May, 1718, and mentioned in it: his wife Sarah; his sons Josiah, Ephraim and William; his daughter Freelove; his brother Stephen; his brother-in-law John Manchester.

The will was probated 2 June, 1718; but the inventory had been taken 29 May, 1718. Edward Wilcox died, therefore, between 19 and 29 May, 1718.

As Tiverton was a part of Massachusetts until 1747, all probate proceedings relating to the settlement of the estate of Edward Wilcox[4] are found in the Bristol County, Mass., Registry of Probate, at Taunton, Mass. The original will and inventory, and the bond of the administratrix, are still in the files.

The files also contain the three original bonds of the guardians appointed for the three sons, who were all under age. The pro-

bate index contained no reference to these bonds, or to any record of the appointment of guardians, when the following abstracts were prepared by the Editor, in June, 1918.

This will is printed at the expense of Miss Mary E. Davenport, of Medford, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of Edward Wilcox[4], through his son Ephraim Wilcox[5].

[The Will of Edward Wilcox[4]]

[From original will] "Edward Willcock of Tiverton in y^e^ County of bristoll in New England Husbandman" made his will on 19 May, 1718. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Sarah Willcock All my personall Estate .... at her dispose during her natural Life . for her own : bodyly support : And for y^e^ bringing up my Children . making no needless waste or stroy of y^e^ Same"

To "Son Josiah Willcock all my Right in y^e^ ninth Lot of meadow . and all my Right in y^e^ thirteenth Lot of meadow : in y^e^ meadow Allotment at Puncatest and Suppowet : And all my Lands Lying within y^e^ Township of darthmoth with all my Right : & : Title of in and unto any Tract or Tracts : persel or persels of Land Lying in any other town or towns within y^e^ County Above Sd."

To "my Son Ephraim Willcock five Shillings besides y^e^ Lands Already Given him by his Grand fathers will to be paid unto him when he comes to y^e^ Age of one and twenty years"

To "my Son William Willcock five Shillings besides y^e^ Lands already Given him . or Judged to be given him by his Grand fathers will . to be paid unto him when he Shall come to y^e^ age of Twenty one years"

To "my daughter Freelove Willcock five Pounds in money to be paid unto her on her marriage day in Case She marry's . but other ways after her mothers decease"

"my moveable Estate y^t^ Shall or may be Left after my wifes Decease .... Such part thereof : as Is then Left Remaining Shall be Equally Divided Amongst all my Children or there Lawfull Issue : Provided y^t^ they my Sd Sons Josiah . Ephraim . and William .... procure for my Sd wife there mother hay and paster Sufficient to keep and maintain y^e^ stock y^t^ now is or what She Shall se Cause here after to keep during her natural Life provided She Remains so long a widow Each doing According to proportion but in Case . they or Either of them . Shall neglect or

Refuse to perform & fullfill y^e^ Same . then he or they so Refusing to be utterly Excluded and Debared from any Right or priviledge in my afore Sd moveable Estate : And in Case they all Refuse then y^e^ whole to go to Daughter Freelove or her Lawfull Issue"

"wife Sarah Willcock" was made sole executrix.

"I do .... Appoint my .... beloved brother Stephen Willcock of darthmoth : with my .... beloved Brother in-Law John manchester of Tiverton my overseers to Se this .... will and Testament Executed"

The witnesses were Stephen Manchester, who signed by a mark, Thomas Manchester and Samuel Sanford.

On 2 June, 1718, the "will of Edward Willcocks late of Tiverton Deceased" was probated, on the testimony of Samuel Sanford and Thomas Manchester, "Two of the witnesses".

[The will and probate were also recorded, 3 : 433.]

[From original inventory] An inventory of the real and personal estate was taken, 29 May, 1718, by William Manchester and Benjamin Chase. The total was £1859, 16s. The only real estate was: "his lands and buildings" valued at £1500.

On 2 June, 1718, "Sarah wilcock Executrix" made oath to the inventory. [The inventory was also recorded, 3 : 434.]

[From unrecorded bond] On 2 June, 1718, Sarah Willcock, as executrix, with Samuel Sanford and John Manchester, both of Tiverton, as sureties, gave a bond for £3000. Sarah signed by a mark. The witnesses were Thomas Manchester and William Richmond.

[From unrecorded bond] On 18 July, 1719, "Robert Bennit" of Tiverton, as "Gaurdian unto Josiah wilcock son of Edw^d^ wilcock deceased late of Tiverton", with Benjamin Chase of Tiverton as surety, gave a bond for £300. The witnesses were John Cary and John Cary, Jr.

[From unrecorded bond] On 10 July, 1722, Samuel Sanford, weaver, of Tiverton, as "Guardian unto Epharaim Wilcox a Minor son to Edward Wilcox late of Tiverton .... Deceased", with John Manchester, yeoman, of Tiverton, as surety, gave a bond for £200. The witnesses were Nathaniel Bosworth and Stephen Paine.

[From unrecorded bond] On 10 July, 1722, Samuel Sanford, weaver, of Tiverton, as "Guardian unto William Wilcox a Minor Son to Edward Wilcox late of Tiverton .... Deceased", with John Manchester, yeoman, of Tiverton, as surety, gave a bond for £200. The witnesses were Nathaniel Bosworth and Stephen Paine.

THE WILL OF CAPT. JOHN JAMES[5] OF SCITUATE, MASS.

John James[5], of Scituate, Mass., son of Lydia Turner[4] (*Mary*[3] *Brewster, Jonathan*[2], *William*[1]) and John James, her first husband, was born at Scituate, 10 January, 1676/7. "Capt John James" died there, 28 September, 1761, in his 86th year, according to the record on his gravestone at Norwell, formerly a part of Scituate. He married, first, 18 March, 1700, Eunice Stetson, who died 29 August, 1717, in her 35th year, according to her gravestone, also at Norwell.

John James married, second, on 25 June, 1718, Lydia Turner. There seem to have been no children by the second wife.

John and Eunice (Stetson) James had eight children, recorded at Scituate: Eunice (first of the name), died young; Mary, married Joshua Jacob; Eunice (second of the name), married Charles Turner; John, married Rhoda King; Benjamin, married Mercy ———; Lydia, died young; Elisha, not mentioned in his father's will; Zipporah, married Elisha Randall.

John James, of Scituate, gentleman, made his will, 23 January, 1744, and it was probated, 14 October, 1761. He mentioned his wife Lydia, sons John and Benjamin, and daughters Mary Jacob, Eunice Turner and Zipporah Randall.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will and all other records, relating to the settlement of the estate, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, at the expense of Mr. Isaac T. Ripley, of Boston, Mass., a descendant of Capt. John James[5], through his son John James[6], and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

[Will of Capt. John James[5]]

[From original will] On 23 January, 1744, "John James of Scituate .... Gent" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Lydia James The use & Improvment of one Third part of all my Real Estate During her natural Life & the one half of all my Houshold Goods for Ever & Two Cows & This to be in full of her Right of Dower in my Estate"

"Item . I Give & bequeath unto my Son John James his heirs and assigns for Ever The Farm both upland & meddo where I

now Dwell Lying betwixt y^e^ North River & y^e^ Town Road and Betwixt The Land of Tho^s^ Bryant Esq^r^ & Jesse Turner being fifty Acres more or Less also about Thirteen acres on y^e^ north side of s^d^ Road Lying betwixt y^e^ Land whereon Elizabeth Turner now Dwells & y^e^ way Leading from s^d^ Road to my s^d^ Son John's now Dwelling house, also Twelve acres & an half of Land at or near a place Called wild Catt hill Joyning to Silvesters Land & also my Share in y^e^ Ceder Swamp near Timothy Symmes's, all w^ch^ are Lying in s^d^ Scituate, only Excepting The s^d^ Improvments Given to my s^d^ wife and my mind is That he should pay out of y^e^ Same to my Daughters Mary & Eunice as hereafter In this my will is ordered."

To "my son Benjamin James .... about Fifty Acres more or Less of Land in s^d^ Scituate Lying on the north Side of s^d^ Road to will^m^ Turners land betwixt the Parsonage Land & s^d^ way also Ten acres of land which I bought of Deacon Cushing & also Five acres of land which I have Joyning to Damons land All Lying in S^d^ Scituate, Except what Improvments are Given herein to my s^d^ wife and my mind is That s^d^ Benj^a^ should pay to my Daughter Zipporah as hereafter Ordered in this my will"

To "my Daughter Mary Jacob" £100 "old Tenor Bills to be paid by my Son John James out of his Legasie afores^d^ within one year after My Deceass"

To "my Daughter Eunice Turner" £100 "old Tenor Bills to be paid by s^d^ John out his afores^d^ Legasie within one Year after my Deceass."

To "my Daughter Zipporah Randall" £100 "old Tenor Bills to be paid by my s^d^ Son Benj^a^ Out of his Legasie within one year after my Deceass."

"And all the Rest of my Estate Real & Personal I Give to my Five Children aforenamed .... Thats to say to s^d^ John Two Six parts & to Each of y^e^ Rest one Sixth part thereof all my Debts being first paid out of y^e^ Same"

"my s^d^ Son John to be the Sole Exc^r^"

The witnesses were John Holmes, Mary Cushing, Hannah Phillips and Mary Cushing, Jr. The will is endorsed "Cap^t^ James's Will" [The will was also recorded, 16 : 248.]

[From original letter] On 14 October, 1761, the will was probated, on the oaths of Mary Cushing and Mary Cushing, Jr., two of the witnesses, and administration was granted to John James, the executor named. [The letter was also recorded, 16 : 248.]

[From unrecorded warrant] On 8 October, 1761, Caleb Torrey, Jesse Turner and Abiel Turner, all of Scituate, yeomen, were appointed to appraise the real and personal estate of "Cap^{t} John James Late of S^{d} Scituate Gen^{t} Dec^{d}".

[From original inventory] The inventory of "Captain John James Late of Scituate .... gentleman Deceased" was taken by the three appraisers, in October, 1761,* and "the Exec^{r}" made oath to it, 5 November, 1761. The total was £888, 3s., 8d.; "his Real Estate", not described, was valued at £784. [The inventory was also recorded, 16 : 234.]

EASTHAM AND ORLEANS, MASS., VITAL RECORDS

(*Continued from page 96*)

[p. 141] William Walker Died January 1743/4

M^{rs} Sarah Paine the wife of William Paine Esqr Died the 16th day of January 1743/4

Rebecka Linel the wife of Elisha Linel Died the 18th day of february 1743/4

M^{rs} Sarah Higins wife of M^{r} Benjamin Higgins Died the 21 day of January 1743/4

M^{r}† Melatia Higgins widow of M^{r} Ichabud higgins Died march 28 : 1744

Jedidah Smith Daughter of Gidien Smith was born the 12th day of October 1743

Loes Smith Daughter of Gidien Smith was born the 18th day of January 1744/5

Sollomon Cole Son of Silvenis Cole was born the 8th day of July 1743

Silvenos Cole Son of Silvenos Cole was born y^{e} 13 day of march 1744/5

Nathanael Cole Son of Silvenos Cole was born at Eastham y^{e} 8 day of august 1747

barnabas Cole the sun of salvenas Cole was Born in Eastham march 27 : 1751

hanah cole the Dafter of Salvenas Cole was Born in Eastham may : 26 : 1753

* The day of the month was omitted.

† Sic.

Andru Cole the sun of salvenas and prisillah Cole was Born in Eastham Aprel 14 : 1755

moses Cahoone & Sarah Lewes both of Eastham ware married august the 6th 1741 by mr Isaiah Lewes minester

John cookson of Boston & mary Beaker of Eastham ware married December 31 : 1741 by mr Isaiah Lewes minester

william atwood & Bathsheba Smith both of Eastham ware married may 13 : 1744* by Mr Isaiah Lewes minester

Jedediah Lumberd of Truro & widow abigail hall ware married May 20th 1742 by Mr Isaiah Lewes minester

Daniel Cusens junr & Lidea Bogue alis moger indians ware married the January 21 : 1742

William cole of Eastham & Lidea Brown of Truro ware married august 4 : 1743

John wilcut of Hingham and Lidea Hawes of Eastham ware married august 30 : 1743
by Isaiah Lewes minester

Elisha Doane third and Hope Rich both of Eastham ware married the 22 January 1743/4

David Brown junr and Hannah Doane ware† Daughter of Deacon Elisha Doane ware† married febr 23 : 1743/4 by Isaih Lewes minester

nathaniel Knowls of Eastham & mary maker of harwich ware married may the 8 : 1744 by Isaiah lewes minester

[p. 142] Elisha holebrook and Annah Mayo both of Eastham ware married May the 13 1742 by Mr Isaiah Lewes minester

May 27th 1742 then Micaijah Snow Junr & Elizabeth Freeman ware married both of Eastham by Joseph Crocker minester

January 7th 1742/3 Gideon Smith and abigail higgins was married both of Eastham by Joseph Crocker minester

February 3d 1742/3 Nathaniel Gould Junr of harwich & Jane Ary of Eastham ware married by Joseph Crocker minester

June 30th 1743 Thomas Smith & Ruth mayo both of Eastham ware married by Joseph Crocker Minester

October 27th 1743 Daniel higgins & Ruth Rich both of Eastham ware married by Mr Joseph Crocker minester

November 24th 1743 Judah Rogers‡ & Loes young both of Eastham ware married by Mr Joseph Crocker minester

December 8th 1743 Mr John Paine & Mrs Thankfull Linel both of Eastham ware married by mr Joseph Crocker minester

* Sic. † The first "ware" should have been crossed out.

‡ "young" was first written, but was crossed out and the entry completed as printed. See the second entry following.

february 14th 1743/4 Judah young & Mary Andros both of Eastham ware married by Mr Joseph Crocker minester

march 8th 1743/4 Benjamin Cole & Desire Smith both of Eastham ware married by Mr Joseph Crocker

march 30th 1744 Reuben Nickorson of harwich & Ruth Arey of Eastham ware married by Mr Joseph Crocker

Hannah Snow daughter of micaga and Elesibeth Snow was born ye 19th day of february 1742/3

Nathanel Snow Son of mycaga and Elesibeth Snow was born ye 12th day of december 1744

prence Snow Son of micaga and Elisabeth Snow was born ye 16th day of march 1746/7

Nathaniel Cooke Son of Nathaniel Cook was born the 25th of January 1741/2

Shubal Cook Son of Nathaniel Cook was born the 23 day of January 1743/4

pheby harding Dafter of Ezekel harding and mary harding was born the : 22 : Day of march 1747/8

[p. 143] Zoheth Smith Son of Zoheth Smith was born november the 20th 1738

Richard Smith Son of Zoheth Smith was born the 18th day of march 1741

hanah smith Dafter of Cptt Zoheth Smith and Ruth Smith was Born in Eastham Aprel 21th 1751

Elisabath Smith the Dafter of maier Zoheth Smith and Ruth Smith was Born in Eastham febuary 6 : 1755

Abigel Atwood Daughter of William Atwood was born 12th day of april 1743

Debro atwood Daughter of William Atwood was born the 5th day of July 1744

Simeon Smith Son of Simeon and abigel Smith was born in September the 26th day 1739

Thomas Smith Son of Simeon and abigel Smith was born ye 6th day of fabruary 1741/2

Jesse Smith Son of Simon* and abigel Smith was born the last day of fabruary 1744/5

George Smith Son of Simeon and Abigail Smith was born in Eastham august the 16 Day 1746 :

Nehemiah Smith Son of Simeon and Abigail Smith was Born in Eastham December 14 Day 1751

Jeremiah Smith Son of Simeon and Abigail Smith was Born in Eastham april the 8 Day 1758

* Sic.

Richard Smith Son of Simeon and Abigail Smith was Born in Eastham Decbr 14 : 1760

Hannah Higgens daughter of Jams and Sarah Higgens was born in East[ham] June y^e^ 6^th^ day 1744

hezaaciah higgens sun of James higens Jr and Sarah higgens was Born in Eastham febuary : y^e^ : 26 : 1750

[p. 144] Israel Cole the Son of Israel Cole jur was born at Eastham on the 12 day of Jenuary 1737/8

Thomas Cole the Son of Israel Cole jur was born at Eastham on the 17^th^ day of march 1735/6

Unis Cole Daughter of Israel Cole Jur was born at Eastham on the 27^th^ day april 1742

Phillip Cole Son of Israel cole Jur was born at Eastham on the 5^th^ day of august 1744

Desier Cole Daughter of Beniamine and Desier Cole was born on the 23^d^ day december 1744*

Rebaca Cole the Dafter of Benimine and Desier Coale was born in Eastham octobar y^e^ : 6 : 1749

Benimin Cole the sun of benimine and Desier Cole was Borne in Eastham septembar : 15 : 1751

mehitable Cole the Dafter of Benimin and Desier Cole was Born in Eastham may 10 : 1745*

halet Cole the sun of Benimin and Desier Cole was Born in Eastham novembr 25 : 1747

January y^e^ 15^th^ 1744/5 m^r^ wiliam paine Esqu^r^ mrs Elesabeth meyrick both of Eastham were maried by m^r^ Jos[eph] Crocker minester

January y^e^ 24^th^ 1744/5 Thomas Sturges Jur of Barnstable and Sarah paine of East[ham] were maried by mr Joseph Crocker minester

February y^e^ 21^th^ 1744/5 Seth Knowls and Ruth Freeman were maried by m^r^ Josep[h] Crocker minester

march y^e^ 14^th^ 1744/5 Elisha Linel and Martha Higgens both of Eastham were maried by mr Joseph Crocker minester the Children Recorded in the new Book

april y^e^ 25^th^ 1745 Nathn^ll^ Snow the 3^d^ and mary Harding both of Eastham were maried by mr Joseph Crocker minester

y^e^ 5 mariages above have ben Sent in to the County Clerk

(*To be continued*)

* Sic.

THE WILL OF JOHN TOMSON[3] OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

By the Editor

John Tomson[3] (*Mary*[2] *Cooke, Francis*[1]), of Middleborough, Mass., married Mary Tinkham[3] (*Mary*[2] *Brown, Peter*[1]) and had twelve children, all recorded in Middleborough.* These children were: Mary Tomson[4], died unmarried; John Tomson[4], married Elizabeth Thomas[4] (*Lydia*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]); Ephraim Tomson[4], married Joanna Thomas; Shubael Tomson[4], married Susanna Parlour; Thomas Tomson[4], married Martha[4] Soule (*John*[3-2], *George*[1]); Martha Tomson[4], died unmarried; Sarah Tomson[4], died unmarried; Peter Tomson[4], died unmarried, without issue; Isaac Tomson[4], died, without issue, before his father's will was made; Ebenezer Tomson[4], died unmarried, without issue; Francis Tomson[4], died unmarried, without issue; Jacob Tomson[4], married Mary Hayward.

Although the births of these twelve children are all found on the Middleborough town records, the "Genealogy of Descendants of John Thomson"† omits entirely the son Isaac, and does not give the correct birth date of any one of the children.

The same genealogy also states, incorrectly, that Ephraim Tomson[4] married Joanna "Redington"; that Shubael Tomson[4] married Susanna "Parker"; that Peter Tomson[4] married Sarah Wood; and that Ebenezer Tomson[4] "probably died young"; and it makes other errors in dates relating to the various children and grandchildren of John and Mary (Tinkham) Tomson.

The marriage of Ephraim Tomson[4] and Joanna "Thomas" (not "Redington"), on 6 November, 1734, entered on the Middleborough records, was printed in our thirteenth volume.

The marriage of Shubael Tomson[4] and Susanna "Parlour" (not "Parker"), on 10 December, 1713, entered on the Middleborough records, was printed in our second volume.

Peter Tomson[4] was born in 1694, and his brother Ebenezer was born in 1699.

In the settlement of the estates of Peter Tomson[4] and Ebenezer Tomson[4], in 1728, recorded in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, the definite statement is made that both

* Mayflower Descendant, Vol. I, p. 221, and Vol. II, pp. 41 and 104.

† Lansing, Mich., 1890.

died without issue; and their property was divided among their then living brothers and sisters, viz.: John, Ephraim, Shubael, Thomas, Francis, Jacob, Mary, Martha, Sarah.

Six of the eleven children living when John Tomson[3] made his will, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Peter, Ebenezer and Francis, did not marry. Another son, Ephraim, married and had four children, all dying in infancy. The settlements of the estates of these seven children of John and Mary (Tinkham) Tomson, as they died at different times, contain much interesting and valuable genealogical information.

John Tomson[3] made his will, 19 October, 1724, and died at Middleborough, 25 November, 1725. The original will is still in the Plymouth County, Mass., probate files, and bears the autograph signature "John tomson".

This will was transcribed at the expense of Mrs. Charles F. Curtis, of Clinton, Iowa, a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of John and Mary (Tinkham) Tomson, through their son Shubael Tomson[4].

[The Will of John Tomson[3]]

[From original will] On 19 October, 1724, "John tomson", "of Middleborough", made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Eldest Son John Thomson all that my Seventy acres of land lying Joyning together whereon he now dwelleth : in the township of plimton : together with three Quarters of my meadow lying at the foot of Said land : and also my lot of land on assawamset neck : being in number the : 67th : lot on Said neck:"

To "my two Sons Ephraim Thomson and Jacob Tomson : all my homested where I now dwell : that is to say : all my lands : meadows : and Swamps which lye there Joyning together : with all the buildings thereon : to be Equaly divided between them : onely Reserving unto my Loving Wife mary Thomson the whole use and Improvement of my now dwelling house During her Widdowhood : Reserving the liberty and priviledge for my three daughters mary Thomson : martha Thomson : and Sarah Thomson also To dwell in said dwelling house : if they see cause : so long as they Shall live unmarried : and .... my aforesaid two Sons Ephraim and Jacob : Shall find firewood cut : and brought to the door fo[r] their mother : and their three Sisters aforenamed while they shall live in said dwelling house : Respec[tively] as aforesaid : and .... my said two Sons Ephraim and Jacob shall

provide for their moth[er] meat : and corn : Suteable : and Sufficient for her during her Widdowhood :"

To "my Son Shubaal Tomson my twenty acre lot of land where he now dwelleth : and all my meadow : in the meadows called the upper meadows in middleborough : and also my two lots of land in the third allotment in the : 16 Shilling purchase : being in number the : 32nd : and 33d : lots and also my one half of two other lots of land in said third allotment in said purchase being in number the : 158th : and the : 172nd : lots :"

To "my Son Thomas Thomson my lot of land in the purchase called Snipetuet purchase : being in number the ninteenth lot : and also my lot of Cedar Swamp in the great cedar Swamp in Said Snipetuet purchase : and also the one half of my : 96 : acres of land in Said purchase Joyning unto the South purchase : and also the half of my meadow : lying on the South Side of the brook Called Colchester brook in plimton : together with the one half of my two acres of land lying Joyning to the South Side of Said meadow : alwayes provided that he shall let his mother have grass upon Said half of Said meadow to make one load hay yearly during her Widdow hood :"

To "my Son Peter Thomson the other half of the aforesaid meadow Lying on the South Side of Colchester brook with the other half of Said two acres of land Joyning thereunto and that he also shall let his mother have grass upon Said half of Said meadow to make one load of hay yearly during her Widdowhood : also .... my three lots of land in the first allotment in the 16 : shilling purchase being in number the first lot : the fourth l[ot] and the forty Eighth lot :"

To "my Son Ebenezer Thomson : my hund[re]d acre lot of land butting upon Namasket River in the : 26 mens purchase with the two acres of meadow on Said River at the foot of Said lot : and also my lot of land in the Second allotment in the : 16 : shilling purchase : being in number the thirty ninth lot :"

To "my Son Frances Thomson my two lots of land on Snipetuet neck : in Snipeuet purchase being in number the Second lot and the third lot : and also all that my lot of Cedar Swamp which Lyeth Joyning unto the north East Side of Snipetuet pond in the aforesaid purchase : and also the one half of my : 96 acres of land in Said purchase Joyning unto the South purchase :"

To "my aforesaid two Sons Ephraim and Jacob : my two lots on assawamset neck : being in number the Seventeenth and Eighteenth lots : to be Equaly divided between them :"

To "my Said Son Ephraim : one Quarter part of my meadow

lying at the foot of the land whereon my Son John dwelleth : also .... my two Shares in the forth allotment in the Sixteen Shilling purchase : Commonly Called the little Shares :"

To "my aforesaid Son John my five and twenty acre lot of land in the 26 mens purchase being in number the Twenty Sixth lot and also all my right and Interest in the lands in the purchase called the fiv[e] mens purchase in middleborough :"

To "my aforesaid three daught[ers] mary : martha : and Sarah : all my Share of land : in the purchase Commonly called Lothrops [&] Tomsons purchase to be Equaly divided among them"

To "my Six Sons John : Ephraim : Thomas : Pet[er] Ebenezer : and Jacob all my Share of Cedar Swamp in the Second lot in the great Cedar Swamp In the majors purchase : To be Equaly divided among them :"

To "all my Eleven Children both Sons and Daughters all my Shares of land in that tract of land lying on the East Side of namasket River : belonging to the proprietors of the Sixteen Shilling purchase : the [land] to be Equaly divided among [them] all"

To "Wife Mary Thomson two cows : and my will is that my two Sons Ephraim and Jacob Shall Keep the Said two Cows for their mother both winter and Sumer : and to provide hay for them : of the grass Reserved in their brothers medow before mentioned and if these two loads of hay be not Sufficient : then they to provide the rest from their own meadow : and they to fodder Said cows for their mother in the Season thereof during her widdowhood : and they to have the Increase of Said Cows : and they to make good the Stock if any mishap befall So as that She may constantly from time to time be provided with two Cows : and at the time of her decease : or marriage : then the Said Ephraim : and Jacob Shall have the Said two cows for their own :"

To "my aforesaid wife the one half of all the Rest of my moveable Estate Whatsoever : with the one half of the money : or Bills of Credit Which I Shall have at the time of my decease and the one half of the debts due unto me : (my Just debts and funeral Charges being first paid out of my s[d] moveable Estate) .... and the other half of my Said moveable Estate : money : and Bills of Credit : and debts due to me : (my Just debts and funeral Charges being first paid as aforesaid) Shall be Equaly divided among all my Eleven Children : both Sons and daughters :"

His wife Mary and sons Ephraim and Thomas were appointed executors.

The witnesses were Jacob Tomson, Barnabas Tomson and Lydia Tomson. All three made oath to the will, on 23 December, 1725, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The will was also recorded, 5 : 266.]

[From original letter] On 19 January, 1725,* the will was probated, and administration granted to the three executors named. [The letter was also recorded, 5 : 269.]

[From original inventory] An inventory of the personal estate was taken, at Middleborough, 21 February, 1725/6, by Jacob Tomson, David Bozworth and James "Soul". [The inventory was also recorded, 5 : 269.]

THE WILL OF SAMUEL HARLOW[4] OF PLYMOUTH, MASS.

By the Editor

Samuel Harlow[4], of Plymouth, son of Sergeant William Harlow and his first wife, Rebecca Bartlett[3] (*Mary[2] Warren, Richard[1]*), married, first, Priscilla ———, and second, Hannah ———; but the maiden surnames of the two wives have not been found.

Samuel and Priscilla (———) Harlow had one child, Rebecca, who married Thomas Taber[4] (*Esther[3] Cooke, John[2], Francis[1]*).

Samuel and Hannah (———) Harlow had eight children: John, married Martha Delano; Samuel (first child of the name), died young; Priscilla (first child of the name), died young; Hannah; Samuel (second child of the name), married Mary Barstow; William, married Mercy Rider[5] (*John[4], Sarah Bartlett[3], Mary[2] Warren, Richard[1]*); Eleazer, married, first, Hannah Delano[4] (*Benoni[3], Mary[2] Alden, John[1]*), married, second, Hannah Pratt; Priscilla (second child of the name).

The births of seven of the children are recorded at Plymouth, and were printed in our second volume. The only records of the first Samuel and the first Priscilla are their deaths, on the Plymouth records, printed in our sixteenth volume.

The date of Samuel Harlow's death has not been found; but it occurred between 17 February, 1724/5, when his will was

* 30 January, 1726, in New Style dating.

made, and 17 November, 1727, when one of the witnesses of the will was sworn.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of Samuel Harlow's will and of all other records relating to the settlement of his estate, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate.

These abstracts have been prepared at the expense of Mr. Edward King, of Newcastle, Pa., a descendant of Samuel and Hannah Harlow, through their son Eleazer, and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

[Samuel Harlow's Will]

[From original will] On 17 February, 1724/5, "Samuel Harlow of Plymouth .... Cooper" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Hannah Harlow the use and Improvement of all my Estate Dureing her natural Life"

To "son John Harlow .... a small bit of land where his Barn stands and within his fence"

To "son William Harlow .... half an acre of land where his house stands most Convenient for him and least hurtfull to my other land"

"I Give and Bequeath (upon paying the legacies hearafter orderd) unto my three sones (viz) to my Loveing son John Harlow, and to .... son Samuel Harlow : and to .... son William Harlow .... all the remainder of my land Housen meadows & swamps that I have in Plymouth or Elcewhere"

To "my three grandchildren the sons of my Loveing son Eleazer Harlow Deceased" £20, "to Each of them to witt" £20 "to Eliaphas", £20 "to Lemuel", and £20 "to Eleazar to be paid them as they shall arive to the age of twenty one years : and If Either of them should Decease before they Come of age : then there parts to be Devided Equally between the surviveing Brothers of them three and I order my three sons John Samuel and William to pay the same as it Dos become Due and that there land stands Chargable therefor till it is Paid"

"I Give my sword unto my Loveing son William Harlow"

"I Give my Gun unto my Loveing grand son Lemuall Harlow"

To "Daughter Rebecah Tabor the Sum of ten pounds to be paid out of my moveable Estate"

To "grand Daughters . the Children of my son Eleazar five

pounds apiece to be paid out of my moveable Estate when & as they Come of age to wit to Elezabeth Harlow five pounds and to Patiance Harlow five pounds"

To "Daughters Hannah Harlow and Prescela Harlow all the Remainder of my moveable and Parsonal Estate .... and also the linto in my Dweling house So long as Either of them live unmarried"

"I Do hearby order that my three sons (viz) John Samuel and William pay all my Just Debts and funerall Expenses In Equall parts"

"wife Hannah Harlow" was appointed executrix, and "son John Harlow" executor.

The witnesses were Samuel Dunham, Simon Lazell and Francis Adams. Simon Lazell made oath to the will on 17 November, 1727, and Samuel Dunham and Francis Adams on 2 February, 1727,* all before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

The will was probated, at Marshfield, on 3 June, 1728, and administration granted to Hannah Harlow and John Harlow, the executors named therein, by Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The will and letter also recorded, 5 : 512.]

[From original inventory] The inventory was taken, 27 February, 1727/8, by John Dyer, Stephen Churchell and Francis Adams. The real estate was: "the home land the dwelling House & barn" £384, 15s.; "8 acres of Land at Lout Pond" £18; "the Cedar Swamp & Land near Cooks pond" £45; "the 30 Acre Lott of Land" £36; "7 Acres of Land at Obery" £10; "28 Acres of Land at Jenkins hole" £18; "½ Acre of Land at William Harlows" £18; "the Land at John Harlows" £9; "about 95 Acres of Land butting on Agawam River" £10; "25 acres of Land near half House plain" £5; "a share of Cedar Swamp at the South Meadows in Plimpton" £11; "the Salt meadow & Sedge ground against the High Pines" £90. The total amount of the inventory was £762, 13s., 1d. John Harlow, one of the executors, and the three appraisers, made oath to the inventory on 15 March, 1727/8, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory also recorded, 5 : 515.]

* 13 February, 1728, in New Style dating.

THE ESTATES OF WILLIAM HOLMES AND HIS WIDOW BATHSHEBA

By the Editor

William Holmes[3], of Pembroke and Halifax, Mass., son of Josiah Holmes and Hannah[2] Samson (*Henry*[1]), married Bathsheba Stetson and had nine children: William; Hannah; Simeon; Hezekiah; Zebulon, died unmarried, before his father; Molly, died young; Lydia; Jane; Zilpha.

William Holmes[3] died 13 May, 1760, in his 81st year, and his widow, Bathsheba, died 30 March, 1763, in her 70th year, according to the records on their gravestones in Halifax.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of all records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the intestate estate of William Holmes, and the will of his widow, Bathsheba (Stetson) Holmes.

These abstracts are printed at the expense of Mrs. Walter M. Parker, of Manchester, N. H., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of William and Bathsheba Holmes, through their son William.

[The Estate of William Holmes]

[From original letter] On 2 June, 1760, Robert Waterman, of Halifax, yeoman, was appointed administrator on the estate of "William Holmes late of Hallifax .... Husbandman Deceasd .... Intestate" [The letter also recorded, 15 : 522.]

[From unrecorded bond] On 2 June, 1760, Robert Waterman of Halifax, yeoman, as administrator, with William Holmes of Halifax, husbandman, and Joseph Stetson of Pembroke, yeoman, as sureties, gave a bond for £500. The witnesses were Ebenezer Bisbe and Edward Winslow.

[From unrecorded warrant] On 2 June, 1760, Edward Sears, Noah Cushing and Ebenezer Briggs, all of Halifax, were appointed to appraise the estate.

[From original inventory] "An Inventory of all the Estate both Real and Personal" was taken, 11 June, 1760. No real estate was mentioned. The total was £35, 3s. The three appraisers made oath to the inventory, 26 June, 1760, and on

4 August, 1760, Robert Waterman, the administrator, made oath to it. [The inventory was also recorded, 15 : 569.]

[15 : 577] The account of Robert Waterman, administrator, was sworn to and allowed, 1 September, 1760. Payments had been made to "Esqr Croade"; to Jonathan Holmes; to "the widdow her Dower" £20; to "William Holmes his proportion of the Estate" £2, 8s., 3d.; to "Simeon Holmes his proportion" £1, 4s., 1d.; to "Hezekiah Holmes his proportion" £1, 4s., 1d.; to "Joseph Barse his wives proportion" £1, 4s., 1¾d.; to "Ephraim Holmes his wives Share" £1, 4s., 1¾d.; to "Zilpha Holmes her share" £1, 4s., 1¾d.

[Will of Widow Bathsheba Holmes]

[16 : 436] On 25 December, 1762, Bathsheba Holmes, of Halifax, "widdow of William Holmes of Hallifax", made her will. Bequests were as follows:

To "my Son W^m^ Holmes 1 Cow"

To "my Son Simeon Holmes" 8s., "To be Paid him by my Son William Holmes"

To "my Son Hezekiah Holmes" 8s., "to be Paid by my Son William Holmes"

To "the Children of my Daughter Lydia Tilden Dec^d^" 8s., "To be Paid by my son William Holmes"

To "my Daughter Hannah Bears the wife of Joseph Bears my Red Cloth Clok &" £1, 6s., 4d., "Due to me from her"

To "my Daughter Zilpha Holmes my feather Beed and beedstead beed Cord and under beed and Suit of Curtins & one Coverlead upon S^d^ Beed which is made of all wool one Small Iron Pott one Tramel and one Warming Pan & one half the wevers Loom and half Tackling belonging to S^d^ Loom"

To "my Daughter Elizabeth Holmes the wife of my Son William Holmes one Large Iron Poott & 1 Iron Kettle & one half of a wevers Loom & half Tackling belonging To Said Loom and a flok bed & 1 bed Blankett"

To "my Three Daughter Hannah Bears the wife Joseph Bears Jane Holmes the wife of Cap^t^ Ephram Holmes & Zilpha Holmes all my wearing apparrel and all my other movebals not yet Disposed of in this Will To be Equally Devided betwixt Them three"

Noah Cushing, of Halifax, yeoman, was appointed sole executor.

The will was signed by a mark. The witnesses were Joseph Stetson, Barnabas Briggs and Nathan Hartwell.

On 4 April, 1763, the will was probated, on the oaths of Barnabas Briggs and Nathan Hartwell, two of the witnesses, and administration granted to Noah Cushing, the executor named in the will.

[16:433] On 4 April, 1763, Noah Cushing, yeoman, as administrator, with Joseph Stetson and Barnabas Briggs, yeomen, as sureties, gave a bond for £100. The witnesses were Thomas Torrey and Josiah Sturtevant, Jr.

THE WILL OF JOSEPH HOLMES, SR. OF KINGSTON, MASS.

By the Editor

Joseph Holmes of Plymouth and Kingston,* Mass., married, first, Sarah Sprague, and second, Mary[4] Brewster (*Wrestling*[3], *Love*[2], *William*[1]); but we have not found the date of either marriage.

Joseph and Sarah (Sprague) Holmes had one son, John, who is mentioned in his father's will.

Joseph and Mary (Brewster) Holmes had eight children, according to the original Plymouth Town Records, printed in full in our thirteenth volume. These children were numbered, on the original records, from one to eight. They were: Joseph, Ephraim, Mary, Sarah, Abigail, Jonathan, Micah, Keziah.

The "Giles Memorial", on page 188, gives these eight children, and two more, Wrestling and Lydia. It further states that Wrestling and Lydia died young, but gives no authority for either the births or the deaths of these two children.

Joseph Holmes, Sr., made his will, 2 June, 1733; and he died 26 June, 1733, aged 68 years and 23 days, according to the record on his gravestone. Mary[4] (Brewster) Holmes died 17 April, 1761, aged 82 years, 1 month, 24 days, according to the record on her gravestone. Both are buried in the old cemetery at Kingston.

We here print exhaustive abstracts of the will and all other records, in the Plymouth County, Mass., Registry of Probate, relating to the estate of Joseph Holmes, Sr.

These abstracts are printed at the expense of Mr. Eben F.

* Kingston was a part of Plymouth until 1726, when it was made a separate town.

Thompson, of Worcester, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, who is descended from Joseph and Mary (Brewster) Holmes, through their daughter, Keziah Holmes, who married Isaiah Thomas.

[The Will of Joseph Holmes, Sr.]

[From original will] On 2 June, 1733, "Joseph Holmes sen^{r} of the Town of Kingston .... Husbandman" made his will. Bequests were as follows:

To "wife Mary Holmes the whole use bennefit and Income of all my Estate Whatsoever & whear soever after my Just Debts are Paid & my funeral Charg Discharged : so long as she shall Remane my widdow : and If she marry agane then .... she shall have her thirds as by law."

To "son John Holmes one shilling I haveing formerly Given him half my former Homested that I and he sold to Caleb stetson it being his Portition in full"

To "my Dear and Loveing Children : Joseph Holmes Ephraim Holmes mary Dingley sarah Bears & Abigale Turnner to Each of them one shilling apiece they haveing had there Portions"

To "my Loveing sons Jonathan Holmes & Micha Holmes & to my Loveing Daughter Keziah Holmes all that of my Estate whatsoever that shall Remane att my Loveing wifes Death after her funeral Charg is Paide : or In Case she marry agane what will then be comeing when her thirds is taken out : and those thirds att her Deceas . all to be Equall Devided between them to wit Jonath^{n} Micha & Keziah"

"wife Mary Holmes" was appointed sole executrix.

The witnesses were "Benony Delano", "John Breuster" and Francis Adams, who made oath to the will 10 August, 1733, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate.

The will was probated, at Marshfield, 28 August, 1733, and administration granted to Mary Holmes, the widow. [The will and probate were also recorded, 6 : 382.]

[From original inventory] "An Inventary of the Estate of Joseph Holmes of Kingston .... Deceased" was taken 27 September, 1733, by "wrastling Brewster", Francis Adams and Judah Hall. The total amount was £172, 18s., 10d. The only real estate was "$\frac{1}{8}$ of a sawmill" £15. Mary Holmes, administratrix, and the three appraisers, made oath to the inventory 28 September, 1733, before Isaac Winslow, Judge of Probate. [The inventory was also recorded, 6 : 400.]

THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF ZENAS GARDNER AND SUSANNA HUSSEY, OF NANTUCKET

In the illustration facing page 145, of this issue, we reproduce the marriage certificate of Zenas Gardner and Susanna Hussey, both Quakers, of Nantucket, who were married at Sherborn, now Nantucket, Mass., 30 September, 1790. As shown by the certificate, Zenas was the son of Paul Gardner and his deceased wife Rachel; and Susanna was the daughter of George and Deborah Hussey. Through her mother, Deborah (Paddock) Hussey, Susanna Hussey was descended from John Howland of The Mayflower.

This interesting document bears the autograph signatures of the bride and groom and of thirty-nine witnesses.

The illustration has been prepared at the expense of Mrs. Summerfield Hagerty, of New York, N. Y., a great-granddaughter of Susanna (Hussey) Gardner, and a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mrs. Hagerty has also presented to the Society a photograph of the Quaker Marriage Certificate of her grandparents, Paul Swift and Dorcas Gardner, who were married at Nantucket, 5 September, 1821.

[Marriage of Zenas Gardner and Susanna Hussey]

Whereas Zenas Gardner, Son of Paul Gardner of Sherborn, in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Rachel his Wife Deceased, and Susannah Hussey Daughter of George Hussey of Sherborn, in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, and Deborah his Wife, having declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, before several Monthly Meetings of the People called Quakers, in Sherborn aforesaid, according to the good Order used among them; after due enquiry and deliberate consideration thereof, they appearing clear of all others, and having Consent of Parents and Relations Concerned, their proceedings were allowed by the said Meetings.

Now these are to Certify all whom it may concern, that for the full accomplishing of their said Intentions, this Thirtieth day of the Ninth Month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety, They the said Zenas Gardner and Susannah

Hussey appeared at a public Assembly of the aforesaid People and others, in their Meeting-house in Sherborn aforesaid, and he the said Zenas Gardner taking the said Susannah Hussey by the hand, did openly declare as followeth: Friends, I take this my friend Susannah Hussey to be my Wife, promissing through Divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful Husband, until it shall please the Lord by death to Separate us. And the said Susannah Hussey did then and there in like manner declare as followeth: Friends, I take this my friend Zenas Gardner to be my Husband, promissing through Divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful Wife, until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us. Or words of the like import.

And the said Zenas Gardner and Susannah Hussey as a further Confirmation thereof, have hereunto Set their hands: She, after the Custom of Marriage, assuming the Name of her husband.

Zenas Gardner
Susannah Gardner

And we, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, being present with others at the Consummation of their said Marriage, as Witnesses thereunto, Set our hands, the day & year above written.

Paul Gardner
George Hussey
Deborah Hussey
Paul Gardner Jr
Lydia Mitchell
Libni Gardner
George Gardner 2d
Obed Mitchell
Uriel Hussey
Dorcas Gardner
Phebe Hussey
Silvanus Hussey
Elizabeth Gardner
Wm Starbuck
Silvs Starbuck
Joseph Marshall
Paul Hussey

Wm Hussey
Rachel Bunker
Deborah Hussey
Seth Hussey
Giles Sanford
Chris: Starbuck
Alice Hussey
Deborah Folger
Simeon Russel
Ruth Gardner
Saml Rodman
Judith Hussey
Sarah Coggeshall
Lois Barney
Merab Spooner
Silvanus Macy

Sarah Barney
Jona Jenkins
Oliver Spencer
Peter Easton
Lydia Worth
Mary Worth

Recorded in Friends book of Records on Nantucket page 342
by Chisr: Starbuck
Recorder

REGISTER OF MINOR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NEPHEWS AND NIECES OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

(*Continued from page 55*)

[Register of Minor Children]

Frederick H. Clark, N. Y. No. 1083: a granddaughter, Elizabeth McLeod Ross, born 28 February, 1914, at Yonkers, N. Y., daughter of Mrs. Frederick Jeffery Ross, deceased.

Mrs. Alvan T. Fuller, Mass. No. 1335: a son, Alvan Tufts Fuller, Jr., born 5 February, 1918, in Boston, Mass. [For other children, see "Pilgrim Notes and Queries", Vol. III, p. 25, and Vol. V, p. 93.]

Edward H. Kittredge, Mass. No. 1376: a daughter, Rebecca Kittredge, born 21 August, 1918, in Somerville, Mass. [For another child, see "Pilgrim Notes and Queries", Vol. V, p. 63.]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Gifts for the Library and Cabinet

From Miss Mary Alden Thayer: "The Pilgrim Fathers, Words by Mrs. Hemans, Music by Miss Browne", an old copy, not dated; "Forefathers Day Hymn", words by Charles B. Botsford, music by J. Elliot Trowbridge, 1889; Program of Concert of Boston Musical Fund Society, 1855, including "The Pilgrims' Cantata".

From Mr. John McLean: The Family Bible of Nathaniel Jenckes. [See the article about this bible, in this issue.]

From Mr. Lucius W. Bartlett: Photograph of Family Bible Record.

From Mrs. Lucy M. S. Wilson: Twenty-four Back Numbers of "The Mayflower Descendant" and Forty-two of "Pilgrim Notes and Queries".

From Miss Lucy C. Sweet: Hand-embroidered Apron of her Great-grandmother, Experience (White) Sweet, who was born in 1751 and died in 1806.

From Mrs. Summerfield Hagerty: Photographs of Two Quaker Marriage Certificates, of her Great-grandparents, Zenas Gardner and Susanna Hussey, and of her Grandparents, Paul Swift and Dorcas Gardner. [See the illustration facing page 145, also the article on page 170.]

Mrs. James E. Shepard died in Andover, Mass., 11 March, 1918.* She was a descendant of John Alden, John Howland, Degory Priest and Myles Standish, and was elected a member of this Society, 11 October, 1898, her membership number being 406.

William H. Atwood died in Boston, Mass., 23 July, 1918. He was a descendant of Stephen Hopkins, and was elected a member of this Society, 26 March, 1910, his membership number being 1116.

Miss Mary Rivers died in Milton, Mass., 7 August, 1918. She was a descendant of Richard Warren, and was one of the thirty original members of the Society, when it was organized, 28 March, 1896, her membership number being 26.

Mrs. Alexander Cochrane died in Brookline, Mass., 14 August, 1918. She was a descendant of John Howland, and was elected a member of the Society, 23 June, 1897, her membership number being 207.

Brigadier General Henry Clay Wood, U. S. A., retired, died 30 August, 1918, in Portland, Me. He was a descendant of John Alden, Peter Brown, Francis Cooke and John Howland, and was elected a member of the Society, 21 April, 1903, his membership number being 779.

Mrs. George Howard Wood died 13 September, 1918, in Winthrop, Mass. She was a descendant of John Alden, William Bradford, William Brewster, Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson, George Soule, and Richard Warren, and was elected a member of the Society, 19 November, 1900, her membership number being 625.

Bernard Jenney died 22 September, 1918, in Boston, Mass. He was a descendant of Richard Warren, and was elected a member of the Society, 1 April, 1908, his membership number being 1037.

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* Notice received too late for our July issue.

Members Elected

30 August, 1918.

No. 1547. Charles Frederic Smith, Swampscott, Mass., ninth from Richard Warren.

No. 1548. Miss Constance French, Randolph, Mass., ninth from John Alden.

No. 1549. Mrs. Baron Steuben Barnes,* Pensacola, Fla., tenth from Richard Warren.

No. 1550. Miss Caroline Hale Plumb, Joplin, Mo., eighth from William Bradford.

No. 1551. Everett Cephas Bumpus, Quincy, Mass., eighth from Isaac[1] Allerton, seventh from Mary[2] Allerton.

25 September, 1918.

No. 1552. Mrs. Frank Warren Richardson, Waltham, Mass., tenth from Thomas Rogers.

No. 1553. Miss Ruth Thayer, Lancaster, Mass., ninth from Isaac[1] Allerton, eighth from Mary[2] Allerton.

No. 1554. Nathaniel Thayer, Lancaster, Mass., ninth from Isaac[1] Allerton, eighth from Mary[2] Allerton.

No. 1555. Baron Salisbury Barnes, Ensign, U. S. N. R. F. C., Pensacola, Fla., eleventh from Richard Warren.

No. 1556. Charles Allerton Coolidge, Boston, Mass., eighth from Isaac[1] Allerton, seventh from Mary[2] Allerton.

Supplemental Lines Accepted

July, 1918.

No. 632. Mrs. Charles F. Curtis, eighth from Peter Brown.

August, 1918.

No. 1463. Mrs. Bayard Thayer, eighth from Isaac[1] Allerton, seventh from Mary[2] Allerton.

The By-Laws require an additional fee of two dollars ($2.00) for each supplemental line filed.

The Editor will be glad to advise members who desire to file supplemental lines with the Society.

Attest: George Ernest Bowman,
Secretary.

* Life member.

NATHANIEL JENCKES' FAMILY BIBLE

THROUGH the active interest of Miss Mary Alden Thayer, Chairman of its Library Committee, the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants has recently received a very interesting addition to its collection of bibles containing family records.

Learning that Mr. John McLean of Boston had an old bible with such records, Miss Thayer copied the names in the earliest entries and showed them to the Editor of this magazine, who at once recognized the family of Nathaniel Jenckes, of Providence, R. I., who married, on 4 November, 1686, Hannah Bosworth, of Swansea, Mass., daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Howland) Bosworth, and granddaughter of John Howland, the Mayflower Passenger.

Permission for the Editor to inspect the bible was quickly obtained, and, on examining the book and the entries, he saw at once that this was, without question, the original Family Bible of Nathaniel and Hannah (Bosworth) Jenckes.

Realizing the historical and genealogical interest of the bible, Mr. McLean presented it to the Society, and the Editor had the pleasure of bringing it to the Society's Rooms within three days after he had first heard of it.

Mr. McLean, whose father and mother were born in Scotland, was born in Plymouth, Mass., and was much interested to learn that this old bible, which had recently come into his possession with some other old books, was so nearly connected with the Mayflower Pilgrims; and he was very glad to present it to this Society, where it will always be carefully preserved.

NATHANIEL JENCKES' BIBLE

The bible is made up as follows.

[1] "The Book of Common Prayer . . . . Together With the Psalter or Psalms of David . . . . London, Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the Queens most Excellent Majesty, And by the Assigns of Thomas Newcomb, and Henry Hills, deceas'd" in 1713.

[2] The Old Testament, with the Apocrypha, printed at London, "by John Baskett, Printer to the Kings most Excellent Majesty, And by the Assigns of Thomas Newcomb, and Henry Hills, deceas'd" in 1716.

[3] The New Testament, from the same press and of the same date as the Old Testament.

[4] "The Whole Book of Psalms, Collected into English Metre, By Thomas Sternhold, John Hopkins, and others .... London: Printed by Freeman Collins, for the Company of Stationers. 1712."

The front cover and any leaves before the title-page of the "Book of Common Prayer" have been lost. This title-page is badly worn on the edges, but the printing is complete. It was worn loose many years ago, and was attached to the sixth page by a pin which probably was made more than one hundred years ago. The fact that there are no extra pin holes would seem to indicate that the leaf has remained in its present position since first placed there.

The bible was purchased by Nathaniel Jenckes in 1720, and he entered in it the births of himself and his wife and children.

His grandson Stephen (son of the Nathaniel who was born 4 January, 1702/3) owned the bible as early as 26 July, 1747, and entered his own birth and marriage, the births of his wife and children, and the deaths of two of his children.

Stephen Jenkes evidently entered the births of himself, his wife and the first two children, Eleazer and Nathaniel, soon after the bible came into his possession, as the first five lines of his record were written at one time, except the words "tusday" and "Satuardy". These two words were interlined later, and this may account for the error in stating that 5 March, 1747, was "tusday". Possibly the error consisted in a mistake in spelling, as the date entered was Thursday, in 1747, Old Style.

All the other days of the week entered were correct for Old Style dating.

The manuscript entries in the bible are as follows:

[On page facing the prayer "At the Healing"]
November y^e^ 18 1755 then there Was a Very Suppising Earth quake
November y^e^ 18^th^ 1755

[On page facing the first chapter of Genesis]
Stephen Jenks of Providence his Book annoque Domny 1763 January y^e^ 30
Stephen Jenks

[On blank page facing the Apocrypha]
Stephen Jenkes his Bibele July y^e^ 26: 1747
He was marid January y^e^ 11 day 1747

[On blank page at end of Apocrypha, facing title-page of New Testament]
Nathanael Jenckes his Bible Bought 1720
He was Born the 29 of January 16620r3
Hannah Jenckes his wife was Born the 5 of November in the year 1663
Their Son Jonathan Jenckes was Born the first day of may 1688
Hannah Jenckes was born the 8^th^ of October 1690
Elizabeth Jenckes was Born the first of January 169$\frac{7}{8}$,
Nathanael Jenckes was Born the 4^th^ of January 1702Or3

Stephen Jenkes His Book December y^e^ 2^th^: 1750
He was Born y^e^ 8^th^ of may 1726
Sarah Jenkes His wife was Born July y^e^ 26 1727
Their Son Elezar Jenkes was born march y^e^ 5: 1747 tusday*
Their Son Nathanael Jenkes was Born June y^e^ 3: 1749 Satuarday
Their 3 Son Moses Jenks was Born September: 14: 1751 Saturdy
Their Daughter Lydia was Born Janauary 28: 1754 munday
their Son Stephen Was Born March y^e^ 31 1756 Wensday
their Daughter Lydia Dyed october y^e^ 6 1756
their Son Benjamin Was Born Sept y^e^ 2 1758 Satuarday
on the Seventeenth of april 1761 they had Daughter Still Born on fryday
their Sixth Son Jerahmeel Jenks was born July 18^th^ 1762 Sunday
Stephen Jenks was maried to Sarah Hawkins on the Eleventh Day of January A D 1747

FORM FOR A BEQUEST

I GIVE and bequeath to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of.....dollars.

* See introductory notes.

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM BROWN[4] OF REHOBOTH, MASS.

By the Editor

William Brown[4] (*James*[3], *Lydia*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born at Swansea, Mass., 2 June, 1690, and died at Rehoboth, Mass., 26 February, 1731/2. He married twice, and had eleven children, seven by the first wife and four by the second wife. His second marriage and the births of all the children were recorded at Rehoboth; but the date of the first marriage, and the surname of the first wife, Elizabeth ———, have not been found.

On the first page of the second book of the original records of Rehoboth we find: "The Children of William Brown Recorded Consider Brown Son of William Brown born of his wife Elizabeth Born September the 8th 1711", followed by the births of their other children: Amos, 28 May, 1714; Elizabeth, 14 June, 1716; Bethiah, 8 July, 1718; Jerusha, 27 August, 1720; Ezra, 18 August, 1722; Rebecca, 17 April, 1725.

The next item of the record is: "Elizabeth Brown Wife of William Brown Dyed Aprill ye [*] 1725 In the 27th year of her age".

Immediately following this death record, on the first page, was entered: "Noah Brown the Son of William Brown & of Rebekah his Wife Born August ye 7th 1726", and the births of their other children: Isaac, 24 October, 1728; Ann, 13 March, 1729/30†; Ann, 8 January, 1731/2†.

The second marriage was recorded on page 140 of the original second book, as follows: "William Brown & Rebekah Folitt Both of Rehoboth ware married october ye 27th 1725".

On page 241 of the original second book we find: "Ann Brown Daughter of William Brown dyed october ye 27th 1731". This was the first daughter of the name.

On the same page was recorded the death of the father, as follows: "william Brown died february ye 26th 173½".‡

* A blank was left for the day of the month, but it was not entered. A duplicate record of this death, without the age, is found on page 236 of the same original book, and the day of the month was omitted there also, although a space was again left for it. In J. N. Arnold's "Vital Record of Rehoboth", page 804, he refers to both of these original entries, yet makes a serious error, by inserting, without any authority, a day of the month.

† Arnold [p. 556] overlooked the double dating, and erroneously printed the birth years of the two Anns as 1729 and 1731.

‡ Arnold [p. 804] again errs, printing this year as "1731".

Of the eleven children, eight, Amos, Elizabeth, Bethiah, Jerusha, Ezra, Noah, Isaac, and the second Ann, were alive when their father's land was divided, 19 April, 1735; and in that division it was stated that the eldest son, Consider, survived his father, but had since died, without issue. In this connection, the item of fifteen shillings paid, by the administratrix, "for three Coffings", is of interest. One of these coffins was for the father, and the other two probably were for Consider and Rebecca, since the first daughter named Ann, as already shown, died four months before her father.

The second daughter named Ann died before 7 September, 1743, when her brother Ezra and her sister Jerusha sold, to their brother Amos, all their rights in the land of Anna Brown, fourth daughter of William. On the same day, Ezra and Jerusha sold to Amos their rights in the land of their father William Brown. [Bristol Co. Deeds, 37 : 520 and 521]

The second wife, Rebecca, died before 18 April, 1774, when a commission was appointed to appraise and divide among her husband's heirs the real estate "which was set off .... for her thirds .... she being since deced".

Another William Brown of Rehoboth, who married Ruth Walker, in 1728, and had eleven children, from 1729 to 1751, has been claimed as the son of Lieut. James Brown[3] (*Lydia*[2] *Howland, John*[1]); but the copy from the Rehoboth Proprietors Records, here printed, proves that the William Brown who married Elizabeth ———, and had a son Amos, was Lieut. James Brown's son.

The ancestry of the William Brown who married Ruth Walker is not known to the present writer.

In the following pages will be found a literal copy of the entry in the Proprietors Records of Rehoboth, and exhaustive abstracts of all records, and unrecorded original documents, relating to the settlement of the estate of William Brown[4] (*James*[3], *Lydia*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), found in the Bristol County, Mass., Registry of Probate.

This article has been prepared at the expense of Mr. Winfield Martin Brown, of Boston, Mass., a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a descendant of William Brown[4] (*Lieut. James*[3], *Lydia*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), through his son Noah Brown[5], who married Deborah Wilmarth and settled in Attleborough, Mass.

Mr. Brown also contributed the expense of printing, in our seventeenth and eighteenth volumes, the wills of Lieut. James Brown[3] and his widow Margaret, and the wills of John[1] Brown,

John[2] Brown and Widow Dorothy Brown, the father, brother and mother of Lieut. James.

[Land of Heirs of Lt. James Brown]

[Original Proprietors' Records, Rehoboth, 3:12]

The Records of the Lands of the heirs of Leu[t] James Brown Decased

Imprimus Two acres and a quarter be it more or Less being their first Lot in the Divisions of Land agreed upon by the Proprietors of Lands in Rehoboth the Third Day of Aprill 1735 it being the 80[th] Lot Number in sd Division and Lyeis in watchamoket Neck in the Long Rainge and Lyes in Two parts the first of sd Parts Belongs to Benjamin Brown and Some other of the Sd Heirs of y[e] sd Leu[t] James Brown and is the Southermost or Last Lot and Containes one acre and thre quatr and is Bounded Easterly a high way Northerly on Land of John and Nathaniel Daggett Southerly on Land of Caleb Lyon being his house Lot it Being a Goar of Land and Comes to a point at y[e] west End there being a high way for the use of Caleb Lyon or whosoever owns his house or house Lot to Extend westerly by his fence from the way of 4 Rods wide untill it Come against y[e] midle of his house there being a white oake markt at the North Corner of sd way.

The other part of sd Lot Being half an acre of Land be it more or Less and was Laid oute to Amos Brown son of William Brown one of the heirs of the sd Leu[t] James Brown sd half acre Lyeis on the Northerly side of the 4 Rod high way that Leadeth Through the wholl Common Land unto the salt water Being aboute one Hundred and Thirty* Rods in Lengeth and Eight foot and six Inches in width Running the same Course as the sd High way Doth being Bounded with a Two stons set up at y[e] East End Next y[e] high way Bounded South the sd High way till it Come to a Stone set up by a fast Rock in the Ground and then Ruing North 25 Degrees west to y[e] Corner of Noah Mason Land then Bounding with Noah Mason Land Northerly

Recorded January y[e] 1[st] 1735/6

Likewise Seven acres and a half be it more or Less being their Seccond alottment in the abovesd Division Granted 1735 Lyeing adjoining to the Land of Capt Daniel Carpenter and the Land of John Kent on the East side of Bushey Plaine the first

*"fourty" has been interlined, in the same hand, above "Thirty", but "Thirty" was not crossed out.

Corner is a Black oake and stones aboute it being the N W Corner of sd Carpenters Land thence Runing by y^e^ Roade W S W 20ty Rods to a Black oake and stones aboute it for a Corner thence Runing S B E 52 Rods to another Black oake for a Corner, thence Runing E S E til it Come to a heape of stones in y^e^ Line of sd Kents Land for a Corner thence Northerly in sd Kents Line till it Come to a Black oake and stons aboute it being sd Kents N W Corner and is y^e^ S W Corner of sd Carpenters Land thence Northerly Bounding with sd Carpenters Land Easterly till it Come to the first Corner

Laid oute June y^e^ first 1736
Dan^ll^ Carpenter Surveyor
Ephraim Carpenter
John Kent Comittee

Recorded august y^e^ 5^th^ 1736

[The Estate of William Brown[4]]

[7:338] On 16 March, 1731/2, Daniel Carpenter, Daniel Perrin and Samuel Hill took the inventory, and on 16 May, 1732, the administratrix made oath to it. The personal estate amounted to £177, 4s. The real estate was: "housing Lands and Commonage Rights" £450.

[7:330] On 16 May, 1732, Rebecca Brown, widow, was appointed administratrix of "William Brown Late of Rehoboth Deceased"

[From unrecorded bond] On 16 May, 1732, "Rebecca Brown Widdow and Administratrix", with Samuel Hill, yeoman, of Rehoboth, and Isaac Brown, yeoman, of Barrington*, as sureties, gave a bond of £300. Rebecca signed by a mark. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and Edward Luther.

[From unrecorded petition] On 22 February, 1732/3, "Amos Brown Son of William Brown Late of Rehoboth Decased .... I being Above the age of fourteen years .... have made Choice of my Uncle Isaac Brown to be my Guardian" and petitioned for his appointment.

On the lower part of the same paper is the petition of James Brown, first cousin of Amos: "James Brown Son of James Brown Late of Barington Deceased .... I being above the age of fourteen years .... have made Choice of my uncle Benjamin Brown to be my Guardian". John Sampson and William "Gallap" witnessed both petitions, which were made the same day.

[7:508, 509] On 22 February, 1732/3, "Isaac Brown of

* Now in Rhode Island, then in Massachusetts.

Barrington . . . . Yeoman" was appointed guardian of Amos Brown; and "Benjamin Brown of Rehoboth . . . . yeoman" was appointed guardian of James Brown, in accordance with their petitions.

[From original bond] On 22 February, 1732/3, "Isaac Brown of Barrington Benjamin Brown and Joseph Brown both of Rehoboth . . . . Yeomen" gave a bond of £400, Isaac having been appointed guardian of Amos. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and Prudence Goodfellow.

[From original document] An account of Rebecca Brown, the administratrix, dated "Rehoboth march the 14th 1734/5," was signed by a mark and was sworn to on 18 March, 1735. It was recorded 13 April, 1735, in Book VIII, folio 206. Payments had been made to: Thomas Carpenter, Margaret Brown, Ezekiel Carpenter, Thomas Bowen, Henry Sweeting, Doctor Dean, Charles Tillinghast, John French, "Jasial Perry"*, Nathaniel Dagget, Thomas Wilmarth, John Kent†, "mrs Bishop"; paid "for three Coffings" fifteen shillings.

[From unrecorded petition] On 15 March, 1734/5, Bethiah Brown and Jerusha Brown, each signing by a mark, "Being of age to make Choice of a Guardian . . . . do Chuse John Kent for our Guardian" and petitioned for his appointment. The witnesses were Amos Brown and John Fuller.

[From unrecorded petition] "The Humble Petition of Rebecah Brown widdow of William Brown Late of Rehoboth Deceased

"Humbly sheweth That She having now Left with her three Children vis Noah Isaac and Ann Brown all under the age of fourteen years and not Qualified by Law to Chouse their Guardian—Humbly Pray that your Honour would appionte me to be their Guardian"

The petition was not dated, and was signed by a mark.

[8:198] On 18 March, 1734, "Rebecca Brown of Rehoboth . . . . widdow" was appointed "Guardian unto Noah Brown Isaac Brown Ann Brown Minors under the age of fourteen years Children of William Brown Late of Rehoboth Deceased". On the same date Rebecca, with John Kent of Rehoboth and Daniel Bishop of Attleborough, yeomen, as sureties, gave three bonds for £300 each. Rebecca signed by a mark. Stephen Paine and Samuel White witnessed the bonds. The original bonds are in the files.

* Recorded as "Josiah" Perry.

† Omitted in the record.

[8:198] On 18 March, 1734, John Kent of Rehoboth was appointed guardian of Bethiah and Jerusha Brown in accordance with their petition. On the same day, John Kent, as guardian, with sureties Ephraim Carpenter, of Rehoboth, and Daniel Bishop of Attleborough, all yeomen, gave two bonds, of £300 each. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and Samuel White. The original bonds are in the files.

[8:200] On 18 March, 1734, "Daniel Bisshop of Attleborough .... yeoman" was appointed "Guardian unto Ezra Brown under the age of fourteen years Son of William Brown Late of Rehoboth Deceased". On the same day, Daniel Bishop, as guardian, with Ephraim Carpenter and John Kent as sureties, gave bond for £300. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and Samuel White. The original bond is on file.

[8:201] On 18 March, 1734, "Daniel Bisshop of Attleborough .... Chosen by his Wife Elezebeth Bisshop formerly Elezebeth Brown to be her Guardian" was appointed guardian "unto Elezebeth Bisshop above the age of fourteen years Daughter of Elezebeth* Brown Late of Rehoboth Deceased with full Power" to receive her share in the estate "of her father William Brown Late of Rehoboth aforsaid Deceased". On the same day, Daniel Bishop, as guardian, with Ephraim Carpenter and John Kent, both of Rehoboth, yeomen, as sureties, gave bond for £300. The witnesses were Stephen Paine and Samuel White. The original is still on file.

[From original warrant] On 14 April, 1735, "Cap^{t} Daniel Carpenter Edward Glover Daniel Perrin Daniel Smith & John Bisshop" were appointed to make "A Divission of the housing Land and Personal Estate". "The Gentlemen Were Sworn" before Thomas Bowen, Justice of the Peace. [This warrant was recorded, 8:261.]

[From original document] On 19 April, 1735, Daniel Carpenter, Edward Glover and Daniel Perrin divided the real and personal estate "to and amongst his widow & Children . the Eldest Son Of the sd William Brown Surviving at his fathers Decase being Since Dead, the Two Shares are Eaqualy Divided amongst y^{e} Surviving Children . and the Division of the whool Estate is as foloweth"

"Imprimus Divied to the widow her Third part in the Reall Estate as foloweth Twenty acres of Land with the west End of the Dweling house and the South half of the Barn Standing

*"Elezebeth" is plainly an error of the recorder. It should have been "William".

thereon, begining at the Roade in the Northerly Line or Bounds of the farme thence Runing South To y^e^ middle or Partition of the Sd Dweling house and So through the sd House to the South side of it and Extending South from sd House 27 feete to a Stake for a Corner, thence Runing East South East Sixteen Rods to a Stake & Stones for a Corner, thence Runing South 23 Degrees west Ninety Eight Rods to a Stake for a Corner, thence Running west 23 Degrees North 32 Rods to an Elme Tree markt for a Corner by the Roade Leading from sd Dwelling house to the house of John Kent . thence Runing Northerly with the sd Roade to a Corner then Turning Easterly with the Roade to where it first began at Sd Roade.

"Likewise aboute Eighteen acres of Land Lyeing on the west side of sd Roade and on both sides of the Roade Leading Towards Brushey Plaine Begining at a heape of Stones on y^e^ west Side of the sd Roade Leading to sd Kents thence Runing west and by North Thirty Rods to a white oake Tree for a Turn thence west 28 Degrees North till it Come to a Tree markt for a Corner, thenc Northerly bounding to Jasiel Perrys Land westerly till it it Come to the Roade Leading to Brushey plaine and ovr the sd Road on the Same Course to a Black oake Tree markt for a Corner, Bounded Northerly as by Reccord Appeareth Bounded Easterly the afforesd Roade Leading to sd Kents till it Come to the first mentioned heape of Stones."

"2^dly^ Devided to Amos y^e^ Eldest Surviving Son, his Share in the Reall Estate (viz) Ten acres of Land in the farme or homested Lands Lyeing on the East side of the widows thirds begining at a Stake being the South East Corner of y^e^ 20ty acres Divided to y^e^ widow, thence South 70ty Degrees East 14 Rods to a stake for a Corner, thence North 23 Degrees East till it Come to the Northerly Bounds of the farme then Bounded Northerly Jasiel Perrys Land and the Roade til it Come to y^e^ North East Corner of y^e^ sd 20ty acres Devided to y^e^ 3^ds^ then South Taking in the East End of the house to this share, and So Bounding with y^e^ sd 3^ds^ til it Come to y^e^ first mentioned Stake, Likewise Divided to this share y^e^ North half of the Barn and Liberty of yard Rome on y^e^ North side to y^e^ Roade aboute four Rods."

"3^ly^ Divided to Ezra Second Son his share in the Reall Estate as foloweth (viz) Eighteen acres of Land Lyeing on the west side of y^e^ sd Roade Leading to John Kents and on y^e^ Southerly side of y^e^ 18 acres Devided to y^e^ 3^ds^ begining at a Tree markt in y^e^ west Line of the Land being y^e^ South west Corner of y^e^ Eighteen acres Devided to y^e^ 3^ds^ thence Southerly in the Line Betwixt this Land & Jasiel Perrys Land Sixteen Rods to a Corner

in y^e^ Brook or River on y^e^ Edge of y^e^ west side of it, thence South 40ty Degrees East 88 Rods to y^e^ Roade Leading to sd Kents then Bounding to sd Roade till it Come to a heape of stones being y^e^ South East East Corner of y^e^ sd 3^ds^ then Bounding Northerly with Sd 3^ds^ till it Come the first mentioned Tree Standing in y^e^ Line of sd Perrys Land."

"4^thly^ Devided to Noah third Son his share in the Reall Estate as foloweth viz Sixteen acres of Land being the Southerly End of the farme begining at at a Stake being the South East Corner of Ten acres Devided to y^e^ first share thence South 70ty Degrees East Thirty Two Rods to a Clump of wilow Trees Standing in the Edge of a medow for a Corner, thence South Twenty three Degrees west 24 Rods to y^e^ South Line or Bounds of the farme thence westerly in y^e^ sd Bounds till it Come to the afforesd Roade Leading to sd Kents thence Northerly as the Roade Goes till it Come to an Elme Tree markt bing the South Corner of y^e^ 20ty acres Devided to the 3^ds^ then Bounding with it 32 Rods and 14 Rods with y^e^ 10 acres of the first share till it Come to y^e^ first Corner."

"5^ly^ Divided To Elizabeth Eldest Daughter her share in the Reall Estate as foloweth (viz) Sixteen acres of Land Lyeing on the Easterly side of the first Share begining at a Stake being the South west Corner of the sd first share thence Runing South 70ty Degrees East bounded southerly y^e^ 3^d^ share 27 Rods to a Stake for a Corner thence North 23 Degrees East till it Come to y^e^ Northerly bounds of the farme and Bounds Northerly to sd Bounds til it Come to the North East Corner of the first share and then Bounds westerly with it till it Come to y^e^ first Corner."

"6^ly^ Divided to Bithiah Second Daughter Her share in the Reall Estate as foloweth (viz) fifteen acres & a half Lyeing on the East side of the Eldest Daughters share begining at a Stake Standing in y^e^ South Bounds of the farme Two Rods Easterly from a Stake & stones being an old Bonds of y^e^ farme thence North Twenty Three Degrees East till it Come to stake Standing above one Rod East from a stake and stons being a bounds at a Turn in the North Bounds of the farme then Bonded Northerly as the sd farme is Bounded till it Come to y^e^ North East Corner of y^e^ sd Eldest Daughters share and then Bonds with it till it Come to the Third sons share and then Bounds to his share till it Come to y^e^ south Bonds of the farme and then as y^e^ Bonds Goes Easterly to y^e^ first Corner—being Twenty Two Rods in width."

"7^ly^ Devided to Jerusha the Third Daughter her share in the Reall Estate as foloweth (viz) Seventeen acres of Land Lyeing

on the Northerly side of the Roade Leading to John Kents and adjoining to sd Kents Land Being Bounded Southerly the afforesd Roade Thirty Two Rods, Bounded Easterly the Second sons share Northerly in part Jasiel Perrys Land & partely Comon Land Bounded westerly sd Kents Land"

"8ly Devided to Isaac ye fourth Son his Share in the Reall Estate as foloweth viz Sixteen acres and a half of Land Lyeing in the farme on the Easterly side of the Second Daughters share begining at a Stake being the North East Corner of sd Daughters share, thence East half a point South fifteen Rods to a hornbine being a Corner of Jasiell Perrys Land thence South half a point west till it Come to a stake in ye south Line or side of the farme then westerly in sd Line till it Come to ye South East Corner of the sd Sd Second Daughters share and then Bounding with it to ye first Corner."

"9ly Devided to Anne ye fourth & youngest Daughter her share in the Real Estate as foloweth (viz) Twenty acres of Land being the Easterly End of the farme Bounded westerly the youngest sons share Bounded southerly Easterly & Northerly as the sd farme is Bounded of Record."

"The above sd Lands was measured by the Eighten foot pole as it was first Laid out"

"Likewise Devided The Personall Estate as foloweth" : One third, £47, 10s., 3d., to the widow; and £11, 17s., 6d., to each of the children, Amos, Ezra, Noah, Isaac, Elizabeth, Bethiah, Jerusha, Anne.

Noah's part of the personal estate was: "Cart and wheels" £4; "2 yearlings" £5; "a plow and one pair of horse chains" £2; "a Chest" 16s.; "In other Particulars" 1s., 6d.

This division of real and personal estate was approved, by the Judge of Probate, on 15 July, 1735. It was also recorded, 8:261.

[From unrecorded warrant] On 18 April, 1774, John Daggett, Moses Willmarth and Elkanah Willmarth were appointed to appraise that part of the real estate of William Brown, late of Rehoboth, "which was set off to his widow Rebecca for her thirds or dower therein (she being since deced)" and then to divide it among the heirs of said William Brown.

[From original document] On 17 May, 1774, John Daggett, Moses Willmarth and Elkanah Willmarth appraised and divided the widow's thirds.

"their is about fifty Nine acres and a half of Land in Said Thurds Bounded as followeth the first Corner is a heep of Stons in the Road Betwen the hous of Amos Browns and Jasiel Perreys hous then Runs East Ninteen Degrees South fifteen Rods to a

Corner then Runs South two Degrees East through Said amos Brown hous and Runs Eight Rods and Twelve feet to a Corner then Runs East Twenty three Degrees South by Said amoss Land about Eighteen Rods and a half Rod to a Corner then Runs South Twenty two Degrees west by Said Amoses Land one Hundred and Thirtee Rods to a Corner then Runs west Twenty two Degrees and a half North by Isaac Browns Land Thirty four Rods and Seven feet to an Elm Tree on the East Side of the Road for a Corner then Runs North Ninteen Degrees East by Said Road Twenty two Rods and Eight feet to a Corner then Runs west Nine Degrees North Crossing Said Road and Runs Thirty Nine Rods in part by Abiah Blisses Land to a white oak Stump for a Turn then Runs west about Twenty Seven Degrees North by Said Blisses Land Sixty Rods and Ten feet To a horn bine tree for a Corner Called Said Blisses Corner Standing In or Near the Line of Jasial Perreys Land then North about forty three Degrees East by Said Perreys Land Seventy one Rod to a Red oak Tree with Stons about it for a Corner then South Thirty five Degrees East by Said Perreys Land Twenty five Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner then Runs North about Forty Eight Degrees East by Said Perreys Land Forty Rods and Ten feet to a Stump with Stons about it for a Corner then on a Straight Line Twenty five Rods and a half Rod to the first mentioned Corner which Land with premises on The Same we apprise at" £151, 14s., 6d. "Lawful mony . and we have Divided the Same as followeth"

To "the Heirs of amos Brown one of the Sons of the Said Decast .... about Six acres and a half of Land at the Northerly Ende of Said Land Bounded as followeth the the first Corner is the Southwesterly Corner being a heep of Stons on a Rock in the Line of Jasial Perreys Land then Runs North Easterly by Said Perreys Land Twenty Rods to a Stump wit Stons about it for a Corner then Runs East aboute five Degrees South Twenty five Rods and a half to a heap of Stons in the Road then Runs East Ninteen Degrees South fifteen Rods To a Corner then Runs South about two Degrees East by Said amos Browns Land and through his hous and Runs Eight Rod and Twelve feet to a Corner then Runs East about Twenty three Degrees South by Said amoses Land Eighten Rods and a half then Runs South about Twenty two Degree west by Said amoses Land Twelve Rods to a Stak and heep of Stons for a Cornr then Runs westerly on a Straight Line to the first mentioned Corner which Shair we apprise at" £21, 13s., 6d.

To "the heirs of Ezera Brown one of the Sons of the Said Decast .... about Eight acres and a half of Said Land Next adjoyning to the aforsaid Shair .... the first Corner is a Stake and heep of Stons in the East Line of Said Land then Runs North about Twenty two Degrees East Twenty two Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the Southeasterly Corner of the aforesaid Shair then Runs westerly by Said Shair to a heep of Stons on a Rock for a Corner in the Line of Jasial Perreys Land being the South westerly Corner of the aforsaid Shair then Runs Southerly by Said Perreys Land Twenty Rods and Ten feet to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner then Easterly on a Straight Line to the first Corner which Shair we apprise at" £21, 13s., 6d.

"We Set of to Noah Brown one of the Sons of the Said Decast for his Shair in Said Estate about Ten acres of Said Land Bounded as followeth the first Corner is a Stake and heep of Stons on the Northerly Side of the Road Leading from Jasial Perreys hous to Timothy Perreys hous and is the Line of the Said Jasial Perreys Land then Runs Northerly by Said Perreys Land about Twenty Eight Rods to a Red oake Tree with Stons about it for a Corner then Runs South Thirtey five Degrees East by Said Perreys Land Twenty five Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the Southwester Corner of the Said Ezeras heirs Shair then Runs Easterly by Said heirs Shair to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the South Easterly Corner of Sai heirs Shair then Runs South Twenty two Degrees west by Amos Browns Land Ninteen Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner then on a Straight Line to the first Corner which Shair we apprise at Twenty one Pound Thirteen Shilling and Six pence"

To "Bethia Walkers heirs who was one of the Daughters of the Said Deceaste about Nine acres and a Hundred and forty Rods of Said Land .... adjoyning to the Said Noahs Shair Bound as followeth the first Corner Is a Stake and heep of Stons in the Line of the Said amos Browns Land then Runs North Twenty two Degrees Easte Thirteen Rods and a half to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the Southeast Corner of Said Noahs Shair then Runs westerly by the Said Noahs Shair to a Stake and heep of Stons on the Northerly Sid of Said Road being the South westerly Corner of Said Noahs Shair on the Line of Jasial Perreys Land then Runs Southerly by Said Perreys Land Seventeen Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner then Runs Easterly on a Straight Line to the first Corner which Shair we apprise at" £21, 13s., 6d.

To "Jerusha Tripp one of the Daughters of the Said Deceast .... about Seven acres and one Hundred and Thirty Rods of Said Land adjoyning to the Said Bethia Walkers heirs Shair Bounded as followeth the first Corner is a Stake and heep of Stons in the Line of the Said amos Browns Land then Runs North Twenty two Degrees East Eleven Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner For a Corner Being the South Easterly Corner of the Said Bethiah Walkers heirs Shair then Runs westerly by Said heirs Shair to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the Southwesterly Corner of Said heirs Shair on the Line of the Said Jasial Perreys Land then Runs Southerly by Said Perreys Land Eleven Rod to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner then on a Straight Line to the first Corner which Shair we apprise at" £21, 13s., 6d.

To "the Heirs of Elisabath Bishop one of the Daughters of the Said Decast .... about Seven acres and a quater of Said Land adjoyning to the Said Jerusha Tripps Shair and is Bounded as followeth the first Corner is a Small wallnut Tree with Stons about it in the Line of the Said amos Browns Land then Runs North Twenty Degrees East by Said Browns Land Ten Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the Southeasterly Corner of the Said Jerusha Tripps Shair then Runs westerly by Said Shair to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner in the Line of Jasial Perreys Land being the Southwesterly Corner of the Said Jerusha Tripps Shair then Runs Southerly by Said Perreys Land Eleven Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner then Runs Easterly on a Straight Line to the first Corner which Shair we apprise at" £21, 13s., 6d.

To "Isaac Brown one of the Sons of the Deceast .... about Ten acres of Said Land at the Southerly End of Said Land adjoyning to the Said Elisabath Bishops heirs Shair and is Bounded as followeth the first Corner is a Small wallnut Tree with Stons about it in the Line of the Said amos Browns Land and is the South Easterly Corner of the Said Elisabath Bishops heirs Shair then Runs South Twenty two Degrees west by Said amoses Land Twenty five Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner on the Line of the Said Isaac Browns Land then Runs west about Twenty two Degrees and a half North by Said Isaac Land Thirty foure Rods to an old Elm for a Corner on the East Side of the Road then Runs Northerly by Said Road Twenty two Rods and Eight feet to a Corner then Runs westerly a Cross Said Road to the North Easterly Corner of abiah Blisses Land Then Runs westerly and Bounds to the Said Blisses Land untill it Comes to a horn bine Tree for a Corner in or Near the Line

of Jasial Perrey Land being Said Blisses North west Corner then Runs Northerly by Said Perreys Land Six Rods and a half to a Stake and heep of Stons for a Corner being the South west Corner of Said Elisabath Bishops heirs Shair then Runs Easterly by Said Shair on a Straight Line to the first Corner which Shair we apprise at" £21, 13s., 6d.

On 31 May, 1774, this division was approved by the Judge of Probate. The warrant and the division were also recorded, 23:309.

FALSE AND FAKED MAYFLOWER CLAIMS

By George Ernest Bowman

The title of this article, which is the first of a series, has been chosen deliberately, in order to attract attention to some of the many erroneous claims of Mayflower descent which have been published.

There is no doubt that some of the false claims to be discussed were deliberately faked; others are the result of careless genealogical work.

It makes no difference whether an erroneous claim is faked, or merely a careless mistake, many persons are deceived by it, and never discover the error.

Some false claims of Mayflower descent have been repeatedly laid before the Editor, in the past twenty-two years, and he hopes to be saved much trouble and unnecessary correspondence by this series of articles.

RUTH SPRAGUE[4] DID NOT MARRY JOHN HASKELL

It is especially unfortunate that the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, through its Historian General, should officially approve and publish a claim of Mayflower descent, which printed and, therefore, easily accessible records show to be false.

In his undated "Bulletin No. 76", sent to all the State Societies, and received by the Massachusetts Society on 31 August, 1918, the Historian General announced his official approval of ten lines of descent, including one in which it is claimed that Ruth Sprague[4], daughter of Samuel Sprague and Ruth[3] Alden (*David*[2], *John*[1]), married John Haskell.

This claim should have been rejected, as conclusive evidence that it was wrong had been published, in 1914, in the two printed volumes of "Vital Records of Rochester, Mass." Among these records, it is true, is printed the marriage of John Haskell to a Ruth Sprague, on 4 November, 1736; but the record does not give the names of the bride's parents, and other records in the same books prove that she was not the daughter of Lieut. Samuel and Ruth[3] (Alden) Sprague.

Samuel Sprague (in later records called Lieutenant) and Ruth[3] Alden were married at Duxbury, and had six children recorded there: Noah, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Samuel, Mary (died young), and Priscilla.* Another son, Micah, was born between 1709 and 1714, but the place and date are unknown. Their daughter Ruth was born at Rochester, 30 August, 1714, and the inscription on her gravestone states that Ruth, daughter of Lieut. Samuel Sprague, died 9 April, 1733, in her 19th year.

As Samuel Sprague's daughter Ruth died 9 April, 1733, it is certain that she did not marry John Haskell on 4 November, 1736.

The evidence presented is conclusive; but the printed Rochester records contain another item, which should have caused a very careful study of the claim when presented for approval.

On page 290, of the second volume, on the line next above the marriage of John Haskell to a Ruth Sprague, is printed the intention of marriage, on 24 March, 1732/3, of a Ruth Sprague to Israel Hammond.

Since Lieut. Samuel Sprague's daughter Ruth was of marriageable age in 1732/3, this "intention" should have cast doubt on the claim that she married John Haskell, and the claim should not have been approved without conclusive evidence that Haskell's wife was Lieut. Sprague's daughter. Such evidence, as already shown, could not have been found. It is evident, therefore, that this claim was approved without an examination of the death records, to make sure that Lieut. Samuel Sprague's daughter did not die before John Haskell was married.

As the Historian General overlooked this "intention" and the death of Lieut. Sprague's daughter Ruth, two important and easily accessible printed records, it is evident that his approval of this false claim of descent could not have been affected by the unfortunate omission, from the printed Rochester records, of a part of the inscription on the gravestone of Ruth Sprague. The omitted portion reads: "At Gods Command Her Bridegroom She Exchanged". The complete inscription and the intention of

* Mayflower Descendant, 9 : 25.

marriage, taken together, indicate that Ruth Sprague[4] was betrothed to Israel Hammond, but died, unmarried, sixteen days after the intention was recorded.

The present writer personally copied numerous Sprague entries from the original town records, and from gravestones, at Rochester Centre, in May, 1910; but the two volumes of printed records of the town are here referred to, as they are accessible to many of our readers.

A division of the land of Lieut. Samuel Sprague, who died intestate, at Rochester, 25 July, 1740, was made on 10 December, 1763, and the record of this division shows that only two of his children, Noah and Priscilla, were living, and that only three other children, Elizabeth, Nathaniel and Micah, had married and left issue.* This land division, therefore, confirms the evidence of the town and gravestone records, that the daughter Ruth died unmarried.

[Other false claims will be exposed in future issues]

NOTES BY THE EDITOR

THOMAS—CHURCHILL. The statement, on page 131 of our last issue, that Mr. John W. Churchill is a descendant of Jeremiah and Lydia (Howland) Thomas, "through their son Jeremiah", should read "through their son Jedediah".

RICHMOND GRAVESTONES. The gravestones of John Richmond and his second wife, Abigail[3] Rogers (*John*[2], *Thomas*[1]), in the old cemetery on Summer St., Taunton, Mass., were set into a large boulder, in 1906, by some of their descendants. The inscriptions are as follows:

"Here Lies The Body of John Richmond Aged 88 Died in the Year 1715 October y^e^ 7"

"Here Lyes y^e^ Body of Abigail Richmond Aged 86 years & died August† in 1727"

* Plymouth County Deeds, 48 : 260.

† The day of the month was omitted.

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